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JURY INDICTS TRUMP IN CRIMINAL CASE, SETBACK FOR HIS PREZ RACE

A grand jury on Thursday voted to indict the former US president for paying porn star Stormy Daniels to buy her silence over an alleged affair

DON ALLEGEDLY PAID $130,000 HUSH MONEY

Daniels claimed she had a sexual encounter with Trump at a Lake Tahoe hotel in 2006. Trump's former attorney Michael Cohen reportedly paid her $130,000 a month before the 2016 election in exchange for her silence about the alleged affair. Hush money payment isn't illegal in the US. Trump is being charged with falsifying business records to make the payment | **P12**

EXPECTED TO BE ARRAIGNED ON TUESDAY

- The US president from 2017 to 2021 is expected to fly from his home in Florida to New York on Monday and be arraigned in court on Tuesday
- The indictment remains under seal and it is not clear what crimes and how many criminal counts Trump has been charged with
- With this, Trump becomes the first ex-US prez to face criminal charges

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TRUMP FACES THAT MANY COUNTS RELATED TO BUSINESS FRAUD, ACCORDING TO CNN

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4 GANGRAPE B'LURU WOMAN IN MOVING CAR FOR OVER 5 HRS

Victim was allegedly smoking with her male friend in a park attached to National Games Village, when she was reportedly abducted in the car by the accused

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IN a horrifying incident that cast a shadow on the image of Bengaluru being one of the safest cities in the country for women, a 19-year-old woman was allegedly kidnapped and gang-raped by four men in a moving car for five-and-a-half-hours. The incident took place in the Koramangala police station limits on March 25 night. Four have been arrested.

The police said the woman, who works with a private company, was smoking with her male friend in a park attached to National Games Village, which has residential complexes that house several judges and top bureaucrats, around 9.30 pm on March 25.

Meanwhile, one of the accused, who reportedly knew the victim's friend, approached them and objected to them sitting in the park at night and smoking. The victim and her friend told him that it was none of his business.

But then a shocking thing happened. "The friend told the victim that he needed to go home and left, even as the accused was standing there and making phone calls. In a few minutes, three others came to the park, forcibly dragged the woman into the car and abducted her. Via Domlur, they drove to Attibele on Hosur Road and made a U-turn before the checkpost and left the woman near her house in Ejipura around 3.30 am. While the car was on the move, the accused allegedly raped the woman," DCP (South-East division) CK Baba told reporters.

The victim, who managed to contact her mother, reached a hospital with her help and filed a complaint against the four youth the next day. "Within eight hours after the case was registered, all the four accused were secured. We are waiting for the medical reports. More details can't be shared as investigation is still on," the DCP said. He added that the victim was familiar with the faces of the accused, but was not acquainted with them.

The accused have been identified as Satish, Vijay, Sridhar and Kiran, all residents of Ejipura and surrounding areas in Bengaluru, and aged 23-24. Two of the accused work as office boys, one is an electrician and another is employed with a BPO.

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More cash in your pocket as small savings rates increased

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

IN a move that could bring cheer to individual investors reeling under high inflation, the Centre on Friday raised the interest rates on most small savings schemes by 10-70 bps for the April-June quarter.

After the revision, the rates on these savings schemes now range from 4% to 8.2%. The government's decision to hike rates reflects the hardening of interest rates in the economy.

The highest hike is seen in the National Savings Certificate, which will now attract a decent 7.7%, up from 7% earlier, for the April 1-June 30, 2023 period. The rate for the popular girl child savings scheme, Sukanya Samriddhi, has been increased to 8% from 7.6%.

The new rate for Senior Citizen Savings Scheme — its maximum investment limit has been raised to ₹30 lakh from ₹15 lakh — and Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) is 8.2% (8% before) and 7.6% (7.2%), respectively. KVP will now mature in 115 months against 120 months earlier.

After the revision, the one-year term deposit with post offices would earn 6.8%, up from 6.6% before, the two-year deposit will offer 6.9% (6.8%), three-year deposit will give 7% (6.9%) and five-year deposit will offer 7.5% interest compared to 7% earlier. The rate for Public Provident Fund has been retained at 7.1% and that of the savings deposit at 4%, while the rates of Post Office Monthly Income Scheme has been raised by 30 bps to 7.4%. The monthly scheme's maximum deposit limit has been enhanced to ₹9 lakh from ₹4 lakh for single account holders.

The finance ministry also notified Mahila Samman Savings Certificate — a new savings scheme for women which will offer 7.5% interest rate.

The government reviews the interest rates on small savings schemes every quarter and this is the third time in the past nine months that the ministry has hiked the rates for these instruments.

The latest hike was on expected lines as interest rates have moved up in the broader economy over the past few months. The Reserve Bank of India has raised its repo rate by 250 bps since May 2022 in a bid to tame inflation, which remains about its comfort zone of comfort zone of 6%.

INCENTIVISING SMALL SAVINGS

Instrument	Existing rate	New rate
Savings deposit	4%	4%
1-year term deposit	6.6%	6.8%
2-year term deposit	6.8%	6.9%
3-year term deposit	6.9%	7%
5-year term deposit	7%	7.5%
5-year recurring deposit	5.8%	6.2%
Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	8%	8.2%
Monthly Income Account Scheme	7.1%	7.4%
National Savings Certificate	7%	7.7%
Public Provident Fund Scheme	7.1%	7.1%
Kisan Vikas Patra	7.2%	7.5%
Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme	7.6%	8%

Guj HC quashes order on PM's degree, fines Kejri

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THE Gujarat High Court on Friday quashed a seven-year-old order of the Central Information Commission (CIC), directing the Gujarat University to provide information on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's degree to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Justice Biren Vaishnav also slapped a cost of ₹25,000 on Kejriwal and refused to stay the order despite a request by his lawyer Percy Kavina. The Aam Aadmi Party later said it would appeal against the order.

The court said the CIC was well aware that it was a fishing and roving enquiry, since it did not specify any time limit for compliance. Yet, it chose to pass the order.

Despite the degree in question being put on the website of the University "and despite this fact being made expressly clear" before the court during the hearing, Kejriwal persisted with the matter, one reason why the cost was imposed on him, the judge reasoned.

In April 2016, the then CIC M Sridhar Acharyulu had directed the Delhi University and the Gujarat University to provide information to Kejriwal on Modi's degrees. Three months later, the Gujarat High Court stayed the CIC order after the University filed an appeal.

The then CIC based his directive on a letter Kejriwal wrote to him seeking information.

Modi's postgraduation became a subject of interest as it was initially claimed he had completed his MA in Entire Political Science in 1983 with 62.3% as an external student of Gujarat University. The prefix 'Entire' for Political Science was what was curious.

Reacting to the verdict, Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi, "Doesn't the country even have the right to know how much the PM has studied?"

The BJP hit back with its spokesperson Sambit Patra saying, "What Kejriwal is doing reflects his frustration."

EXPRESS READ

India comes out with new foreign trade policy

New Delhi: India on Friday came out with a "dynamic and responsive" foreign trade policy aiming to push rupee trade, increase outward shipments to $2 trillion by 2030, and promote e-commerce exports, amid global uncertainties. The approach of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 is to move from 'incentive to remission' based regime, encourage collaboration between exporters, states, districts and Indian Missions, reduce transaction cost, and develop more export hubs.

GILL GUJARAT'S TITAN

Shubman Gill scored 63 off 36 balls to guide Gujarat Titans to a five-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in the first IPL match of the season in Ahmedabad on Friday. Opener Ruturaj Gaikwad's 50-ball 92 had helped CSK to 178 for 7 in 20 overs | PTI | **P15**

HAL logs highest-ever revenue of ₹26,500 cr

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HINDUSTAN Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has registered the highest-ever revenue of around Rs 26,500 crore (provisional and unaudited) for FY2022-23 as against Rs 24,620 crore of previous year.

In a release on Friday, CB Ananthakrishnan, CMD, said HAL recorded a revenue growth of 8% during the year compared to 2021-22. "Despite the supply chain disruptions due to geo-political situations, the company could achieve the targeted growth. This was possible with the increased thrust on indigenisation and with the available inventory," he added.

He said the order book stood at Rs. 82,000 crore at the end of March 2023 after liquidation of supplies during 2022-23.

"During the year, fresh contracts worth Rs 26,000 crore were received, which included manufacturing contracts for 70 HTT-40, 6 Do-228 Aircraft, and PSLV launch vehicles. In addition, on the ROH front, a fresh order to the tune of Rs 16,600 crore was received," the release stated.

Considering the performance, the company paid an interim dividend of Rs 40 per share during the current financial year, representing 400% on the face value of Rs 10 per share, the statement said.

Security personnel cordon off an area after clashes between two groups during a Ramanavami procession the previous day, in Howrah on Friday | PTI

Fresh violence in Howrah; month-old plot, says Mamata

PRONAB MONDAL @Kolkata

FRESH brick-batting was reported in Howrah's Shibpur area on Friday, a day after violence and arson broke out there during a Ramanavami procession. At least three police personnel were reported injured in the stoning.

The situation was brought under control after a police lathi-charge. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC were imposed and a contingent of the Rapid Action Force was deployed in the area.

Concerned over the situation, Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose, who had earlier taken up the matter with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

In all, 45 people have been arrested. The violence also led to political sparring.

Mamata alleged that the route of Thursday's procession was deliberately changed to target a minority community-dominated pocket. She blamed the violence on the BJP, Bajrang Dal and other affiliated outfits. Appealing to the people to maintain peace, Mamata said, ''The conspiracy behind Thursday's violence was hatched a month ago. The was no permission to take the procession through the area where the incident took place. The route was changed deliberately. It was part of the conspiracy."

BJP MLA and leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari went to Shibpur on Friday and submitted a CD to the office of the superintendent of police demanding immediate arrest of the culprits.

Adhikari alleged that the police stood as mute spectators when the procession was attacked.

SIDHU LIKELY TO WALK OUT OF PRISON TODAY

Cong leader Navjot Singh Sidhu, currently serving a one-year RI term in a 1988 road rage case, is set to walk free on Saturday, according to his lawyer

Expressway toll hiked: Pay ₹30 more from today

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MOTORISTS using the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway will have to pay Rs 30 more for a single journey from April 1.

On the directions of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has revised the toll rates. NHAI officials say this is part of the annual revision done across the country.

As per the directions, a car/jeep/van will have to pay Rs 165 for a single journey instead of Rs 135 and Rs 250 for return journey.

As per the NHAI order issued on March 27, motorists have to pay the revised rates from April 1 at Kaniminike and Sheshagiri Halli toll plaza for six-lane Bengaluru-Niddaghatta section.

REVISED TOLL RATES

Vehicles	Single journey	24-hr return journey	Commercial vehicles*	Monthly pass for 50 trips
Car/jeep/van	₹165	₹250	₹58	₹5575
LCV/ LGV/ Mini Bus	₹270	₹405	₹135	₹9,000
Truck/ Bus (2 axle)	₹565	₹850	₹285	₹18,860
3 Axle Commercial Vehicle	₹615	₹925	₹310	₹20,575
Heavy Construction vehicles	₹885	₹1330	₹445	₹29,580
Oversized vehicles	₹1080	₹1620	₹540	₹36,010

*Registered in state

The toll was introduced on March 14 after PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the expressway on March 12.

Many motorists and leaders of some political parties have been opposing the high toll rates and lack of service roads since then. Moreover, within a few days of introduction of the toll, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) hiked its bus fares by including the toll fee.

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NEW TREND

Parties using food aggregators, kids to reach freebies?

KARTHIK KK @Mysuru

WITH the model code of conduct coming into force and the Election Commission deploying flying squads and police personnel to stop supply of liquor, cash, gifts and other goodies to voters ahead of Assembly elections in the state, political parties and candidates are finding innovative ways to hoodwink the authorities.

Candidates in rural areas are planning to use schoolchildren, who are now on summer vacation, for campaigning and distributing cash and freebies to people to vote in their favour.

"This was tried during the gram panchayat elections in Mysuru district several months ago, where children as young as 10 were given the task of handing over Rs 500 to each person of a family. In return, the children were also paid handsomely for their services. Realising that children would not be caught by police or other authorities, leaders of various parties in villages are planning to misuse them again this time," said a government school teacher.

This was not restricted just to Mysuru district, politicians in the Old Mysore region, including Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts, used schoolchildren for "election duty".

"Agents of politicians pay children Rs 100 for supplying liquor and money to voters in villages," Chikkanna, a resident of Gundlupet, said.

Politicians in urban areas have found a new way to reach the goodies safely to voters at their doorstep.

They are planning to make use of food aggregators and delivery apps, pick-up-and-drop service providers to reach gifts and goodies to voters as election authorities usually do not keep a watch on food delivery executives.

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WEATHER — MIN 23°C | MAX 30°C

FORECAST Light rain. Morning clouds

Sunrise 6.35 am · Sunset 6.28 pm · Moonrise 1.28 am · Moonset 1.59 pm

COPS ISSUE NOTICE TO JHATKAA ON SANKEY PROTEST

Charge citizens with wrongful confinement, unlawful assembly and obstruction of public path

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE controversial Sankey Road project issue refuses to die down even after the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said it will first consult the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority.

Activists from Jhatkaa.org, the organisation that supported the cause and took part in the campaign against the controversial project, have been booked by police under various sections of the IPC for organising the protest. Avijit Michael, managing trustee, Jhatkaa.org, said he received a police notice as FIR under IPC Section 341 for wrongful restraint, and IPC Section 141 (unlawful assembly) has also been pressed against them.

The march was aimed at saving trees near Sankey Tank | EXPRESS

"The assembly was peaceful and there was no criminal activity, hence, we will file a Public Interest Litigation to get the FIR quashed. The police behaved well, and there is no iota of doubt that there was political pressure in filing such fabricated cases," said Michael.

On February 19, 2023, citizens had gathered, dressed in black, to participate in a peaceful march to save trees. The event was well-planned, with people marching in an orderly manner along the footpath, without causing any obstruction to traffic. However, Avijit Michael received a police notice from Sadashiva Nagar police, regarding violation of multiple sections of the IPC (Indian Penal Code).

As per the notice, IPC sections 341, 141, 149, and 283, which pertain to wrongful confinement, unlawful assembly and obstruction of public way, were pressed against the organisation, and police claim that Michael and other protesters violated these sections during the protest. The activists say there are contradictions between the actual happenings, and the police claim.

Commenting on the development, Preeti Sunderajan, cofounder, Citizens for Sankey, said, "It is disheartening and shocking to know that a silent walk by my friends and neighbours from the locality was viewed as illegal. It is a shame and a mockery! Clearly, democracy has a different meaning for us versus the police and sitting government. There were children walking and cleaning the lake area, what are we going to say to them?"

ELECTION MODE

Polls deal a blow to BBMP, BWSSB revenue collection

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru:

WITH the election code of conduct in place in Karnataka, officials of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) worry that the revenue collection mechanism is likely to take a hit in April and May, as officials are on election duty and in the coming days, more will be deployed for the same work.

A senior official from the BBMP revenue department said all their staffers have been deputed on election duty for the past few days, and as a result, the revenue collection target may see fluctuations. "The code of conduct came into effect on March 29, however, some officials were on election duty even before that. From the BBMP revenue department alone, 800 staffers from the accounts and other sections are on election duty. This will hamper revenue collection and targets," the official said.

The Palike collected Rs 3,758 crore in property tax in the year 2022, and was hoping to make an additional Rs 800 crore collection by converting B-Khata sites to A-Khata, as per the Karnataka Land Revenue Act and Country and Town Planning Act. This apart, through its 'One Time Settlement Scheme' for property tax, and arrears from central and state government undertakings, the Palike hoped to get Rs 200 crore. However, as the entire revenue collection team is now on election duty, proper revenue collection will begin only after election results on May 13, the official added.

Corroborating this, BWSSB engineer-in-chief Suresh said that 600 officials from the engineering division, comprising assistant executive engineers, assistant engineers and junior engineers have been deployed on election duty. In the coming days, 200 meter readers will also be roped into poll work.

"There will be some impact when officials are under pressure, however, once elections get over, normal activities will resume," said Suresh.

Any party, candidates seeking voter info will be booked: Chief

With reports of political workers, aspiring candidates and their supporters trying to seek voter information doing the rounds, BBMP Chief Commissioner and District Election Officer **Tushar Girinath** has said that if the matter comes to his notice, FIRs will be filed. Addressing a press conference on Friday, he informed that with regard to confusion over civic work taking a blow, he clarified that the Storm Water Drain (SWD) department has been given complete exemption from election-related work. "KAS officers have been appointed as nodal officers and returning officers, and they will take care of all the Model Code of Conduct and election-related work," mentioned Girinath.

CONVOCATION

Youngsters must be catalysts, Baba Kalyani tells IIMB grads

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PADMA Bhushan **Baba Kalyani** said on Friday that students and young professionals must take on the role of catalysts, and not expect others to change first.

He was speaking at the 48th convocation of the Indian Institute of Management Bengaluru (IIMB) on Friday.

"India, as a country, is today at the forefront, and has emerged as a major force to reckon with. You, as young professionals equipped with learnings from a premier business school, must assume the role of catalysts or agents of change, and impress on others the need to think differently. As individuals, we must stop expecting others, including the government or society, to change first. We must instead make ourselves the pivots of change," Kalyani, who is also the chairman and managing director of Bharat Forge Limited (BFL), said.

A total of 673 IIMB students graduated on Friday, including 16 PhD students, 73 Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management students, 73 Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management students, 472 Post Graduate Programme in Management students and 39 Post graduate Programme in Business Analytics students.

Eight students were awarded gold medals for Best All Round Performance, first rank and second rank.

Air Asia flyers miss flight, blame staff, slow shuttle, DigiYatra glitch

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IT was a nightmarish experience for nine flyers, including a two-year-old child, who missed boarding their Air Asia flight from Terminal 2 on Thursday afternoon. A combination of factors, including alleged insensitivity by Air Asia staff, delay in the shuttle bus from T1 to T2, and malfunctioning airport equipment left the flyers stressed, and cost them dear in terms of time and money.

All of them were to board Flight I5 942 to Vishakapatnam, which was to depart at 1.20pm.

Among the nine flyers were senior citizen P Lakshman Rao and his wife Tapateeswari, who reached the airport from their daughter's house in Kothanur. Recalling their ordeal, Rao, a retired Central government employee, said, "We left our house at 11am, and despite my daughter and us repeatedly telling the Ola cab driver to take us to T2, he left us at T1 and told us to take the shuttle bus. It was 11.40am. The airport staff directed us to the shuttle bus that would was to come shortly." Shuttle buses run by airport operator Bangalore International Airport Limited run at a frequency of 10 to 15 minutes.

The couple boarded a shuttle, but say it did not start for at least 15 minutes, as the driver waited for the seats to fill up. "We reached the T2 gate in five minutes, but there, the DigiYatra system did not work. Security personnel let us in after checking our Aadhaar cards," he said.

"When we reached the gates by 12.20pm, the airport staff said we had not been screened and their system does not show it. We explained about the malfunction. At the next counter, Air Asia staff were speaking non-stop on their phones. My wife and I repeatedly pleaded with them that our flight was due. After 20 minutes, we are told we cannot travel and the gate was closed. After our repeated requests to speak to a senior officer, a lady came after 15 minutes and said she was having tea. We were told it was too late. Air Asia literally and intentionally robbed us of our money," Rao said.

A heavily pregnant Divya Nethula and her mother-in-law Nagiredla Gowri, too, were not allowed to board, despite repeated pleas. Divya's husband, who had come to see them off, told *TNIE*, "By 11am, we reached Terminal 1 from our house in Electronics City, and spent time there having lunch. We took the shuttle bus and reached T2. My family passed one gate by 12.40pm but at the second gate, they stopped them, saying they were late. I spoke to their staff on mobile from outside, and explained that my wife was pregnant and couldn't take much strain. They refused to help." The flyers later took an Akasa Air flight which departed at 3.50pm the same day.

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>
> P Lakshman Rao, aggrieved passenger

POLL PRAYER

JDS leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy presents the party's manifesto for the Basavanagudi Assembly constituency to candidate Aramane Shankar at the Mahakali Devi temple in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

HC stays AC's order, allows student to write exam

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court came to the rescue of a BSc student who was externed from Jamkhandi to Sedam taluk on the ground that there is reasonable apprehension that he would engage in the commission of an offence. In response to a plea filed by the student, Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum stayed the order passed by the assistant commissioner for two weeks, to enable him to appear for the examinations which conclude on April 8, 2023. The court said the petitioner shall give an undertaking before the assistant commissioner, that he will not indulge in any such activities. The 20-year-old student from Bilagi taluk of Bagalkot had district moved the court, questioning the order. **ENS**

IISc supercapacitor to replace batteries in EVs

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RESEARCHERS at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a new type of supercapacitor that can replace batteries in streetlights, electric cars and medical devices.

The supercapacitor, developed by researchers from IISc's Department of Instrumentation and Applied Physics (IAP), is different from others, as it is smaller or 'ultra-micro', but capable of storing larger amounts of energy. Hence, the supercapacitor can be easier to use in smaller electronic devices, eliminating the need for batteries, while ensuring that the device stays charged for a longer time.

"Most of these devices are currently powered by batteries. However, over time, these batteries lose their ability to store charge and therefore have a limited shelf-life. Capacitors, on the other hand, can store electrical charge for much longer, by virtue of their design. Supercapacitors, on the other hand, combine the best of both batteries and capacitors -- they can store as well as release large amounts of energy, and are therefore highly sought-after for next-generation electronic devices," the researchers said.

Abha Misra, an IAP professor and a corresponding author of the study, said the supercapacitor used Field Effect Transistors (FETs) in place of metallic

electrodes, which are more commonly used, as charge collectors. "Using FET as an electrode for supercapacitors is something new for tuning charge in a capacitor," she said.

During their tests, they found that the ultra-micro supercapacitor, due to the materials used, was able to increase capacitance (ability to store energy as electricity within the device) to 3,000 per cent. This was compared to a regular supercapacitor, which showed only an 18 per cent increase. The key was the use of molybdenum disulphide (MoS2) and graphene in increasing the mobility of electrons within the supercapacitor.

"In future, we are planning to explore if replacing MoS2 with other materials can increase the capacitance of the supercapacitor even more. The supercapacitor is fully functional and can be deployed in energy-storage devices like electric car batteries or any miniaturised system by on-chip integration. We are also planning to apply for a patent on the supercapacitor," they said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01ST April : Astrology deals with the meeting of time and space. Actually, astrologers claim that each one of us stands at the centre of what scientists call our own time-space continuum. Our task is then to move through the universe, or our small part of it, trying to make a difference – for the better! We are all part of the same cosmos, so our task is to get on.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Conveniently enough, the Moon is aligned with a deeply personal region of your chart, signifying much-needed improvements at home and in the family. It's the perfect moment for turning your attention to tasks close a hand. Remember - little will happen unless you take the lead.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your generous instincts mean more than ever that you must now be prepared to lend a hand to those in need in whatever ways are most appropriate. You seem to be able to offer sound advice, assist financially and assume responsibility, all at the same time!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Reality may not match your ideas of how things should be done. But, you must trust that, in the wake of the last set of lunar alignments, the right doors will be opened. All you have to do is seize your chances as they come. I know that's easier said than done, but you'll manage!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Forget the ways in which you've been disappointed or let down. And don't try to score points off other people, for what you gain now could be more than outweighed by losses next week. It's much better to play fair and offer others only your sympathy and compassion.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's generally a laid-back and secretive day, but the gradual approach to a profoundly creative region of your chart could get your juices flowing. With any luck you'll soon be brimming with fresh and lively ideas. You may consider new propositions - and put old ones on hold.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Practical and financial matters are set to improve, mainly because of your own hard effort and sound judgment. In this, as in other areas of your life, it's not a matter of good luck, but of a job well done. I hope other people remember to say 'thank you'!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's an ambitious day, and many of you could be concerned with professional goals. Even in your spare time the activities which please you most will be those which allow you to compete, and hold out the hope of coming first. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Mercury, which has been responsible for so many misunderstan-dings, has currently eased its curious behaviour. If partners or loved ones now seem prepared to re-open discussions and renegotiate terms, lose no time in securing agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
This is an ideal moment for grabbing bargains, or for making decisive moves in all joint finances and investments. The very fact that Mercury is emerging from a secretive position will soon restore your good judgment. But if you're not ready to speak your mind just yet, that's fine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Moon's continuing emotional motion should now have made it clear that you should listen to partners, come what may. Even if they are speaking from their heart rather than their head, there is much from which you may learn. You might also find out what makes them tick, and that could transform your own behaviour.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's a relatively busy day, and even romantic relationships must to be worked at. Domestic partnerships are even more in need of a little tinkering around the edges, just to make sure that others are happy and contented. If loved ones feel good then so should you. It's simple, really!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your chart is a complex system of different qualities and characteristics, and today's abundance of planetary pressures provides exactly the right combination of ingredients to make today a potentially creative and pleasurable feast. Hopefully you can invest the time - you won't regret it.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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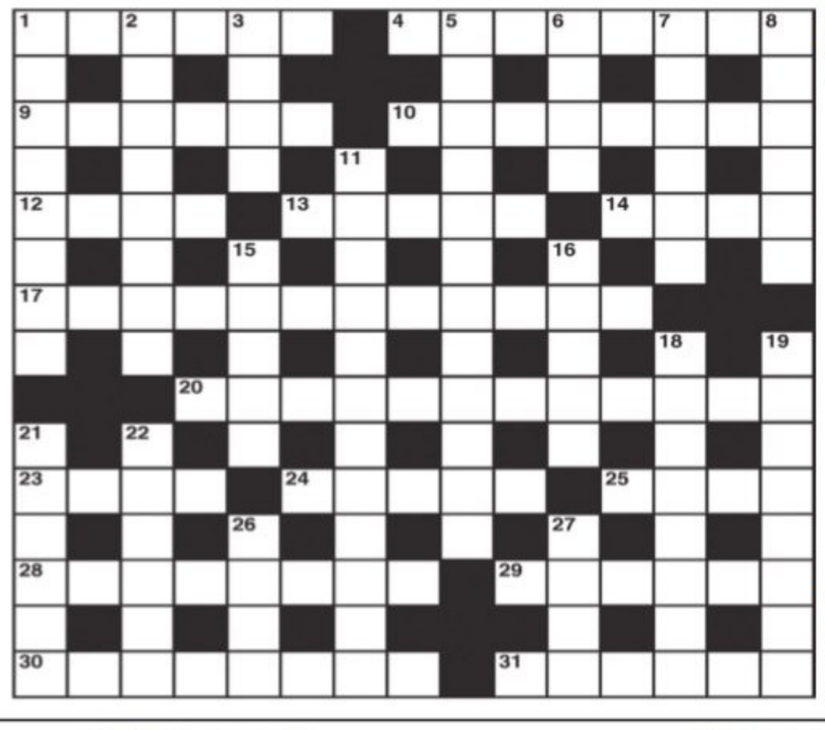

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Type of warship expected to conquer (6)
4 Criminal purpose in proposal (8)
9 Search the bed again? How infuriating! (3,3)
10 People agree, if not on paper (8)
12 In extremities they can be accommodating (4)
13 Give rank and number (5)
14 Trouble in sight (4)
17 Hung up feeling very nervous (6,6)
20 Saigon's saint has changed dates (12)
23 He fell out of sympathy with his partner (4)
24 I shake a leg about being nimble (5)
25 Crippled in sport (4)
28 One made to strive or wait for a job (8)
29 They are linked with land measures (6)
30 A bent one needs reshaping don't forget (4,4)
31 Storey renovated for one spending life in bed (6)

DOWN

1 Neat and honest (8)
2 Jests go stale in time (8)
3 Tree Father planted in North America (4)
5 Be quite sure you're very sensitive (4,8)
6 Puts out a seat and has a meal (4)
7 Weaken the spirit (6)
8 Pronounced similarities (6)
11 Mayonnaise gets lower rating (8,4)
15 Shut tight (5)
16 One object of alliance (5)
18 Preacher has spoken in some obscurity (8)
19 He values a vessel having an arrangement of roses (8)
21 Fruit is planted in wet weather (6)
22 Slip up in the gun room (6)
26 Dance circle lost member (4)
27 Sound method to get water extracted from milk (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Totem, 4 Lasagne, 8 Am, 9 Upbraided, 10 Hosanna, 11 Plump, 13 Poorer, 15 Treble, 18 Scene, 19 Arrange, 21 Introvert, 23 Ire, 24 Tangent, 25 Right.

Down: 1 Teashop, 2 Tombstone, 3 Mourn, 4 Libran, 5 Scamper, 6 Gad, 7 End up, 12 Unbending, 14 Eyesore, 16 Everest, 17 Patent, 18 Shift, 20 Rotor, 22 Tun.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"____ - _____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GEESE PLANT BUSILY GARLIC
Answer: When the fairy-tale cookie men shook hands, they did it — GINGERLY

The Halasuru police seized silver articles weighing 18.165 kg worth Rs 14.4 lakh during the routine check of vehicles on Thursday night. Police said the articles were seized from Chunnilal and Indrakumar and a non-cognisable report has been registered in this connection

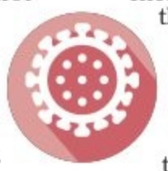
Covid cases hit 1K mark again, fear spreads

Doctors say number of people consulting them for small ailments for fear of being infected with Covid has risen

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

Active Covid cases in Karnataka crossed the 1,000-mark after almost 12 weeks. The rise in Covid, H3N2, H1N1 (Swine Flu) cases since January has created a sense of fear among citizens, who are reaching out to doctors for every little health issue they face.

Health experts said the situation could have been controlled if continuous awareness was created by the government regarding the infection, symptoms and precautions to be taken, and people would not have so many fears.



Dr Sylvia Karpagam, a public health doctor, said that precautionary measures are usually taken when the infection rate has already increased. If it is done in the beginning, people will be more aware and take necessary precautionary measures. The government usually becomes active when cases have already increased, which defeats the purpose, she said.

Doctors said the number of people consulting them for small ailments like headaches, gastrointestinal issues or slight fever, for fear of being infected with Covid or other Influenza-Like Infections (ILI), has risen lately.

Health and Family Welfare Commissioner D Randeep said the trend in Karnataka is seen to be in tandem with cases across India. The next XBB 1.16 variant is detected in large numbers. Patients who need hospitalisation has also increased, but the number of terminal cases needing ventilator beds has not yet risen. He said the department is being watchful about the Covid situation, to ensure it does not spiral, especially with the upcoming state assembly elections.

Masks are not expected to be made mandatory as of now, however, officials have advised people to ensure they follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). One of the major reasons the number of cases is on the rise is people's negligence in using masks and maintaining social distance.

Model code may delay tenders for drugs, ambulances

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH the Election Commission (EC) announcing dates for the Karnataka assembly elections and the model code of conduct coming into force, the health department is expected to see delays in the ongoing tender processes for annual drug procurement, dialysis and 108 ambulances, officials said.

Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Services, D Randeep said, "All related services are mostly free, and since health is an emergency service, health schemes will not be affected and work will continue as it is. Work regarding tender processes could see procedural delays."

With activities related to distribution of cards for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Janaroga Yojana (ABMP JAY) – Arogya Karnataka – suspended on March 29 due to elections, Randeep said they are checking with the EC if it can be continued as it is categorised as an emergency health scheme.

Several tenders of the health department are in process for 3-4 months now, and the delay due to elections will mean citizens will have to wait further for the new 108 ambulance service and other essential services.

It has been suggested to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to review guidelines released by the EC on following Covid guidelines during elections, to ensure the situation does not spiral in the upcoming months. People involved in election-related activities are expected to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). All eligible polling personnel, security personnel and counting staff must be fully vaccinated, and preferably have taken booster doses. If CAB is not followed during outdoor/indoor meetings, rallies or yatras, the organisers will be held responsible.

TICKET TUSSLE

Cricket fans queue up for hours outside M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday to buy tickets for IPL match between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians to be held in Bengaluru on Sunday evening | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

ILLEGAL MINING CASE

ED attaches assets of accused worth ₹54 cr

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@ bengaluru:

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru zonal office, has provisionally attached immovable properties worth Rs 54.18 crore in a case related to illegal mining under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the agency stated in an official release.

The attached assets are in the form of 30 immovable properties consisting of land, residential buildings, commercial premises etc, which are owned by the accused persons and their family members.

"The ED initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of an FIR registered by the Special Investigation Team, Karnataka Lokayukta, Bengaluru, against Karadapudi Mahesh, his brothers and associates u/s 379, 420, 468, 471 r/w 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 for theft, cheating, forgery, using as genuine a forged document and criminal conspiracy, Section 21 r/w 4(1), 4(1A), of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, and section 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act," the agency added.

"During investigation, it was noticed that illegally mined iron ore worth Rs 62.92 crore was transported and traded by the main accused Mahesh and his brothers, K Govindaraj, K Sadashiva, K Kumar with help of their associates, without valid permits or on the basis of fake and forged permits," the ED stated. "Further, the accused also facilitated other persons/entities in transportation and trading of illegally mined iron ore by collecting Rs 40.93 crore as risk money from them. Thus, the accused persons generated Rs 103.85 crore as proceeds of crime and caused loss to the government exchequer," the agency added.

"It was further noticed during investigation that most of the amount was received in cash and the same was used in acquisition of immovable properties in the name of the accused persons and their family members," the ED stated.

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Four of Mysuru family ends life in M'luru lodge over loans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

FOUR members of a family allegedly ended their lives at a private lodge in Mangaluru on Friday. The deceased are Devendra (46), his wife Nirmala (46) and their twin daughters Chaitra and Chaitanya. They were residents of Vani Vilas in Mysuru district. They had booked a room at Karuna Residency on KS Rao Road three days ago.

Initially, they had planned to stay for a day and later extended their stay for two more days. Devendra was found hanging while his wife and children were found lying down on the bed. When the spot was visited by the police, Devendra's phone was ringing. Upon answering it, one of the lenders was heard abusing and threatening Devendra to pay back the loan. City Police Commissioner Kuldeep Kumar R Jain told media persons that they have also recovered a suicide note from the spot and Devendra has claimed that he had financial problems. "He had borrowed loans and further investigation is underway. It is yet to be known how his wife and children died. We are awaiting the postmortem report," he said.

Ravi, brother of Devendra, told the media that Devendra was running a shutter factory in Mysuru and had never shared his problems with him.

ROLE OF FRIEND RULED OUT, SAYS OFFICER

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

A senior police officer said the role of her friend — who left her while the accused was still at the park — in the incident has been ruled out. At the time of the abduction, a few people were still at the park. "When her friend told her he had to leave, the woman told him she would manage as there were still people around as it was around 10 pm. The accused took her in a Maruti 800 car, but no one seems to have paid attention to the incident or realised it was an abduction," the officer said. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra was not available for comment.

'B'luru unsafe under BJP'

Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala took to Twitter stating Bengaluru is unsafe under BJP rule. "Another NIRBHAYA? #Bengaluru is one of the unsafest city under BJP! TIME TO RETHINK. If u can't go out of ur house safely, If u can't go to a park safely, If u can't meet with friends, If sexual assault & gang rape will scar ur soul in public places, Should u not vote out BJP?"

CRIME PATROL

Fight over parking bikes: Colleagues murder man

Bengaluru: A 28-year-old man was murdered by his colleagues in a fight over a parking issue, in Yelahanka police station limits. The deceased was identified as Janardhan Bhat from Udupi, who was working as a television technician. The accused, Sulaiman and Rizwan, worked with the same firm and the trio shared a room in Sai Samruddi Apartment in Srinivasapura, in Yelahanka. Police said there were frequent fights between Bhat and the accused duo over parking their bikes next to their room. On Wednesday night, a fight broke out between them over the same issue, and the accused tied his limbs and gagged him, before smothering him to death. The incident came to light on Thursday morning, when another colleague living in the same apartment went to their room and found Bhat's body beneath a cot.The Yelahanka police have taken up a murder case and are on the lookout for the absconding accused.

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The office of the ECI on Friday issued orders to state chief secretary and the CEO, Karnataka to notify dry day under the relevant state laws as is appropriate during 48 hours keeping in mind the date of voting and counting. MCC came into effect from March 29, and elections are scheduled to be held on May 10 and counting on May 13. EC also announced that those employed in any business, trade, and industries be granted a paid holiday

NY Gopalakrishna recently met KPCC president DK Shivakumar and CLP leader Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru

SHOCK AND FURY AS BJP MLA QUITS, MAY JOIN CONG

BJP MLA NY Gopalakrishna hands over his resignation to Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri in Sirsi on Friday | EXPRESS

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

KUDLIGI BJP MLA NY Gopalakrishna resigned from his post on Friday and is likely to join Congress as he expects a ticket from Molakalmuru segment of Chitradurga district. The decision of the four-time MLA has left BJP workers shocked and fuming in the district. BJP had claimed that none of its legislators would desert the party.

There was speculation that he would resign from the ruling party and retrace his steps to the Grand Old Party.

He met KPCC president DK Shivakumar and former chief minister Siddaramaiah recently in Bengaluru. Gopalakrishna arrived at the residence of Assembly Speaker VH Kageri in Sirsi, and submitted his resignation. One of the BJP leaders said it came as a shock as the party had given Gopalakrishna freedom and accordeed him respect. Also, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had sanctioned development projects proposed by Gopalakrishna, he added. Nagappa Pujar, a Gopalakrishna's follower, said that some recent developments that led to him being neglected have hurt him. Some BJP leaders pointed to his age and said that he might not have been given a ticket this time. Kudligi, which was known to be a Congress stronghold, was changed after Gopalakrishna contested on a BJP ticket as he worked on the development of the constituency.

CASE BOOKED AGAINST BJP LEADER

A case has been registered against BJP leader and ex-BBMP corporator K Munendra Kumar for allegedly storing appliances intended to be distributed to voters. The case was registered after the office of Chief Electoral Officer Karnataka received a complaint from Byatarayanapura Congress MLA Krishna Byre Gowda. As per the inquiry report, a complaint was received at the Yelahanka Police Station on March 28 against Krishnamachari Manjunath and an FIR was filed. "Since a photo of Munendra Kumar, ex-corporator, and party symbol of BJP were found on the seized materials, Magistrate Permission has been obtained to make Munendra Kumar also an accused in the case and to further investigate the matter," said a statement by the office of CEO. In another case, an FIR was registered against the administration of Hayagriva Public School. "In this case also, a photo of Munendra Kumar, ex-corporator, and party symbol of BJP were found," the statement said.

Mudigere MLA booked for poll code violation

Mudigere MLA MP Kumaraswamy was booked for violating the model code of conduct after hundreds of women of self-help groups gathered in front of his residence at Kellur in Mudigere taluk to receive government cheques after they were instructed by officials. An election squad rushed to the spot, inspected the situation and registered a case against him. However, the cheques were not found, but some morning breakfast was being served to the women, which also comes under the violation of MCC. The incident was videographed by the officials, said Mudigere election officer HD Rajesh. However, the MLA clarified that he was unaware that the poll code had come into effect and asked officials to distribute the cheques. He said that it was not a campaign, and breakfast was given to women as they had travelled long distances.

Jolt to JDS in Hassan, MLA Ramaswamy quits

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

IN yet another blow to JDS in Hassan, the turf of party supremo HD Deve Gowda, party MLA representing Arkalgud, AT Ramaswamy, quit the party and submitted his resignation as legislator to Council Secretary Vishlakshi on Friday.

Ramaswamy, who had maintained a distance from party leaders over the last couple of months, decided to quit after being allegedly humiliated by former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, who announced A Manju as the party candidate from Arkalgud in the presence of Deve Gowda in Bengaluru without taking Ramaswamy into confidence. Some JDS leaders had also allegedly provoked party workers to stage a dharna in front of HD Revanna's residence, urging him not to give a ticket to Ramaswamy to contest from Arkalgud.

Ramaswamy, who began his political career as a member of a taluk board in Arkalgud, and faced six Assembly elections, won in 1994 and 1999 from the Arkalgud constituency on Congress tickets and later joined JDS. Ramaswamy told TNIE that he has not decided which party to join, but will certainly fight the Assembly polls from Arkalgud.

BJP leader Yoga Ramesh said Ramaswamy can join his party, and they would support him in the 2023 elections. He might also be given a ticket in the 2024 LS elections, he added.

COASTAL K'TAKA A BJP FORT, BUT CONG MAY UP ITS '18 TALLY

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

IN 2018, BJP almost swept the entire coastal Karnataka garnering 16 of 19 seats. This tally rose to 17 after the 2019 by-election. This time, riding high on the Modi factor and achievements of double-engine government, the saffron party is trying its best to hold on to its fort even as Congress is trying to breach the bastion by banking on the anti-incumbency factor and corruption charges against the ruling dispensation.

Except in one or two segments where JDS has some presence, it appears to be a straight contest between BJP and Congress elsewhere in the region, which has Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts. It is too early to tell whether the fledgling AAP and SDPI will have any impact here.

Congress is looking to increase its 2019 tally of just two seats, and the party could bag a few more if it fields the right candidates. But already, dissidence is brewing over the selection of candidates in some seats. Congress is, however, confident of winning Bantwal, Bhatkal and Kaup. Veterans like RV Deshpande, B Ramanath Rai and Vinay Kumar Sorake, who are contesting from these seats, have appealed to voters' emotions saying it will be their last election. The party is also going all out to win back the Backward Classes, telling them that BJP is misusing them for political gains.

In 2018, BJP triumphed because of issues surrounding Paresh Mesta's death. But the CBI later filed a B report in the case, much to the party's embarrassment.

Congress is also blaming hate crimes and 'moral policing' for the region's failure to attract enough investment, resulting in migration of youth. But BJP has countered this narrative, blaming Congress' 'minority appeasement' politics for the ills plaguing the region. It is turning arrests in alleged terror activities by NIA in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi to its advantage to drive home the message that only BJP can cleanse the region of anti-national elements.

Setting up of Shree Narayana Guru Development Corporation and installing his statue at a major junction has helped the party blunt the opposition attack that it is ignoring Narayan Guru or Billavas. BJP workers were upset over the murder of party Yuva Morcha member Praveen Nettaru, but the party appears to have managed to douse the fire.

The cabinet's recent decision on increasing the quota for Lingayats and Vokkaligas and internal reservation for Dalits will not have much impact here because of their slender population. But one has to see whether scrapping the 4 per cent Muslim quota will have any impact. There is a feeling that allowing Muslims to claim quota in the EWS pool will affect the upper castes in the coastal region more than anywhere else.

MP DK Suresh addresses mediapersons at his Bengaluru residence on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DK Suresh demands min's arrest

ENS @Bengaluru

CONGRESS MP DK Suresh on Friday demanded the arrest of Minister for Horticulture Muniratna for allegedly trying to instigate Tamilians residing in RR Nagar constituency in Bengaluru to assault those seeking their votes.

Suresh said action should be taken against the minister for creating an atmosphere of fear. He is trying to create differences between Kannadigas and Tamilians for his political gains, the Congress MP said, adding that no action has been taken after Congress party candidate Kusuma filed a complaint. The Congress will also file a complaint with the Election Commission, he said.

'BJP netas making money'

DK Suresh also accused BJP leaders of making money during the visits of their party's central leaders.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the state seven times and local leaders seem to be making money during such visits, he alleged. Suresh said the state government spent Rs 30 crore for the programme to unveil Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's statue at KIA.

"They spent Rs 8.50 crore to repair airport road though it does not come under the state government, and Rs 12 crore was spent on pandal, and Rs 1 crore on drinking water," he said, adding that Rs 6.5 crore was spent to ferry people from other places.

BSY no to Varuna for son, OKs Shikaripura

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru/Mysuru

FORMER Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday said his son and BJP state vice-president BY Vijayendra will contest from Shikaripura Assembly segment and not Varuna. This comes a day after the former CM had hinted that Vijayendra could contest from Varuna against former chief minister Siddaramaiah.

Yediyurappa said there is pressure on Vijayendra to contest from Varuna, but "he has to contest from Shikaripura in Shivamogga. There is no question of him contesting from Varuna. He will contest from Shikaripura which was my constituency."

Vijayendra is said to be keen on contesting from Yediyurappa's Shikaripura constituency. He has already finished a tour of the constituency which is presently represented by Yediyurappa. From April 2, he will be touring again and meeting voters and the party workers.

After Congress announced Siddaramaiah as its candidate from Varuna, saffron party leaders are mounting pressure on the top brass to field party state vice-president BY Vijayendra against the AHINDA leader, to ensure a tough contest.

Siddaramaiah had tasted defeat in Chamundeshwari in his home turf Mysuru in the last Assembly elections, which came as a huge embarrassment.

Saffron party leaders are planning another drubbing for the Congress Legislature Party leader by trying to field Vijayendra, who enjoys the support of young leaders.

Vijayendra missed the ticket last time against Dr Yathindra, Siddaramaiah's son. Although he appears hopeful this time, he is tight-lipped about any developments that could mar his prospects. "With Siddaramaiah's entry, Varuna has gained much prominence. A decision is yet to be taken about my candidacy by the high command," Vijayendra clarified.

While former chief minister BS Yediyurappa said that Vijayendra would contest from Shikaripura, a safe seat, Vijayendra seems to be nursing other ambitions.

Vijayendra took part in an event in Mysuru, and on the sidelines chaired a meeting of local leaders to get a sense of the situation.

However, Yediyurappa is against taking any risk, and prefers Shikaripura to Varuna for his son.

Sources said a seer of a prominent mutt in the region has told Yediyurappa not to allow Vijayendra to contest from Varuna.

BJP state vice-president BY Vijayendra surrounded by his followers during his visit to Mysuru on Friday | UDAYASHANKAR S

BSY, brass to decide Varuna candidate: CM

V VELAYUDHAM @Doddaballapura

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the people of Varuna want to see BJP state vice-president BY Vijayendra as the party candidate from the constituency, but the decision will be taken by former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and the party high command.

Bommai was talking to mediapersons after offering puja at the famous Gatti Subramanya Swamy Temple, accompanied by his wife and son.

Several surveys have indicated a strong fight, but has not given any advantage to Congress, he said, adding there is over a month to polls and lot of changes are expected.

With Congress already out with their first list, Bommai said that booth-level office-bearers are gathering opinion about candidates, which would be reviewed by taluk and district-level leaders, and would be sent to the Parliamentary Board, he said. Responding to Opposition parties' jibe that the reservation decision is a political gimmick, Bommai asked why they had not done it when they were in power.

If you don't vote, don't ask for your rights, says Jogati

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

"IF transgenders do not vote, they do not have any authority to demand their rights. I have been telling this to our transgender community members wherever I go," said Padma Shri awardee and transgender Jogati Manjamma, who has been chosen as the election icon by the chief electoral office of Karnataka. This is the first time that a transgender has been given the honour.

Manjamma said, "We feel good when our community is included in any mainstream activity. When they invited me to their office earlier this month and told me that I had been chosen as an icon, I felt a sense of responsibility. I will ensure people from my community come out and vote. Elections are sacred, and if people do not go out and vote, it means they are showing disrespect to the democratic process."

> I have refused to take part in any event out of my town on the polling day. I have also exhorted members of my community in my village to vote.
>
> Jogati Manjamma

Over 41,000 transgenders have been registered as voters this time.

Manjamma said she left home when she was around 16 years old and got her voter identity card only when she was 34, in 1991. "That was also because I had not stayed in one place and was travelling all the time. I had no house and did not have any idea about elections. Only after I started practising folk arts and started reading newspapers, I realised its value and got my voter ID card done," she said. Then, her gender was mentioned as a woman.

Manjamma, who is 65 years old, has been voting for the last 32 years. "Be it the panchayat or Lok Sabha, I have not missed a single election. I have refused to take part in any event out of my town on the polling day. I have also exhorted members of my community in my village to vote. Even today, I am active in getting voter ID cards for my community members," she said. She has now got the card that mentions her as transgender.

Manjamma, who is the first transwoman to be appointed chairperson of the Karnataka Janapada Academy, hails from Kallukambagraama in Ballari. Named Manjunath Shetty, she started seeing changes in her behaviour and eventually left home. She went to Hospet where she learnt Chowdaki Pada (a folk art form). She got the Padma Shri in 2021.

'Liquor with food distributed in Chamundeshwari earlier'

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"THIS was experimented in Chamundeshwari constituency in the past, where liquor was sent along with food through one of our delivery colleagues. He was given an extra tip for the 'special' order. Agents of the political leader even took his number for help in future elections. There is a need to keep a tab on such activities as well," said a food delivery executive.

When deputy commissioner of Mysuru Rajendra was informed about such plans by politicians and their agents, he said the election authorities have already issued an order to ensure that children are not used for any poll-related activities.

"In addition to this, we have booth-level committees to check such violations or misuse of children for such activities," he added.

On the use of food delivery executives, he said the vigilance team is keeping an eye on all such activities. Whenever such activities are reported, stringent action would be taken.

Licenses of six liquor shops have been cancelled for violations in the district, he added.

SHELTER HUNT

'HOMELESS' RAHUL FLOODED WITH HOUSE OPTIONS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AFTER Congress leader **Rahul Gandhi** was served a notice by the Lok Sabha secretariat to vacate his official bungalow as he has been disqualified as an MP, Congress leaders in Karnataka have started ''Namma Maneyu Nimma Mane'' (our house is your house) campaign, inviting Rahul to their homes.

For the last two days, party leaders, workers and others have been tweeting ''Mera Ghar Aapka Ghar'', inviting Rahul to their houses.

In Karnataka, too, leaders invited Rahul home. Former ministers KJ George, Dinesh Gundurao, Zameer Ahmed, MLA Rizwan Arshad and others were seen holding a poster, reading Namma Mane, Nimma Mane, as they stood in front of their homes.

"A person like Rahul Gandhi doesn't need a government bungalow. He lives in our hearts and is more than welcome to stay at our home," Rizwan tweeteed.

George said, "Our home is your home, Rahul GandhiJi! Most welcome anytime!"

Even netizens and party workers were tweeting, asking Rahul to come to their house. "We are with you, Rahul Gandhi. You have always stood up for the voiceless, now let us be your shelter in this storm. #NammaManeNimmaMane," said a netizen, Ashish.

RAHUL'S KOLAR EVENT PUSHED TO APRIL 9

Bengaluru: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Kolar to launch the nationwide Jai Bharat campaign with the tagline Satyameva Jayate has been deferred to April 9 from April 5 as he is busy exploring legal options with experts regarding his disqualification as an MP, a Congress leader told TNIE. However, another source said since AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge will be holding the Congress Election Committee (CEC) meeting on April 5, Rahul's visit has been postponed.Congress leaders including Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, KPCC president DK Shivakumar, and CLP leader Siddaramaiah among others held a preliminary meeting about the April 9 event on Friday. Since he was disqualified for his remark on Modi surname in Kolar, he wanted to launch the campaign from there.

With an aim to produce healthy bovines, TTD has set up a feed mixing plant in SV Gosala at Tirupati which was inaugurated by TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy along with TTD EO AV Dharma Reddy on Friday

Lokayukta moves CMDRF case to a larger bench

Kerala CM one of the key respondents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

THE Lokayukta on Friday transferred the case pertaining to alleged misuse of the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) to a three-member larger bench, after the two judges failed to deliver a unanimous verdict on the matter that has huge political ramifications.

The decision to constitute a three-member bench to judge the case, which has Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** as one of the respondents, was taken after Lokayukta Cyriac Joseph and Upalokayukta Harun-ul-Rashid developed "difference of opinion" regarding the merits of the allegations raised and whether the particular decision of the members of the cabinet can be investigated under the Kerala Lokayukta Act. The date of posting of the case before the new bench, which will also have Upalokayukta Babu Mathew P Joseph on board, will be decided later.

The complaint filed by former Kerala University Syndicate member R S Sasikumar in 2018 had alleged that the decision to provide financial assistance to the families of the late leaders, NCP's Uzhavoor Vijayan and former Chengannur MLA K K Ramachandran Nair, and policeman P Praveen, who died in a road accident while escorting former CPM state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, smacked of favouritism. He had also alleged that the matter of providing assistance was not included in the agenda of the cabinet meeting and demanded the ouster of the CM and the ministers concerned.

Reacting to the development, the petitioner said one of the judges has given a verdict against the government and on that ground, the CM should step down. "One of the judges has given a verdict against the government. Since the CM should be beyond suspicion, he should step down," the petitioner said, adding that the further investigation by the three-member bench should finish in a time-bound manner.

"I will approach the High Court, urging it to ensure that the investigation is completed in a time-bound manner. The strategy of the CM was to prolong the verdict as in the SNC Lavalin case. If required, I will approach the Supreme Court for justice," he added. The hearing in the case was held from February 5, 2022, to March 18, 2022. However, the verdict was delayed for almost a year, following which the petitioner approached the HC, which directed him to approach the Lokayukta instead. As per the Kerala Lokayukta Act of 1999, the verdict of the anti-graft ombudsman is legally binding on the government. The LDF government, meanwhile, had brought an ordinance tweaking the powers of the Lokayukta to remove a public servant from office. However, the ordinance is yet to get the assent of Governor Arif Mohammad Khan. The same Lokayukta bench had earlier found former higher education minister K T Jaleel guilty of nepotism and abuse of power in appointing his relative as general manager of Kerala State Minorities Development Corporation. Later, Jaleel had to quit the cabinet.

Students go through their notes and some last-minute revision, moments before their SSLC examination, at a centre in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DEPARTMENT RELEASES FIRST PU EXAM RESULTS FOR DK DISTRICT

The Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) has announced the results for the First PUC examinations on Friday. The results for Dakshina Kannada district colleges were released on March 31. Students who wrote their exam from the district can access their results on the DPUE website (result.dkpucpa.com). They will need to provide their registration numbers and date of birth to access the results. The examinations took place on March 6.

8.14L students write first SSLC exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OVER 8.14 lakh Class 10 students wrote their first Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examinations on Friday.

Support poured in from all avenues for the students as they geared up to take their examinations, with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah wishing them luck.

"Best wishes to all my dear students who are writing the SSLC exam starting today. Without any kind of anxiety and confusion, write the exam with courage and confidence, with peace of mind, may success be yours," said Chief Minister Bommai.

In light of an increase in suicides and mental health issues in the state, due to examination-related stress, many also took to social media to encourage students. Interestingly, some also posted their own marks cards in order to show that they were still able to achieve their goals, despite low marks.

The students wrote their First Language examinations across 3,305 centres in the state. The exam saw 98.48 per cent attendance, with 12,550 of the total 8,27,276 registered students remaining absent.

Interestingly, Bengaluru Rural district saw the highest turnout of students at the examinations, with 99.55 per cent, while Kalaburagi district saw the lowest turnout of 95.51 per cent.

While the examinations went off without a hitch, with zero malpractice cases recorded in the state, several instances of students showing up to the examination centres without hall tickets were reported. Sources in the education department stated that the students had had an attendance issue, due to which their hall tickets were not released, however, they chose to visit their examination centres regardless.

The students will be writing their second examination on Monday, wherein they will take their Mathematics/Sociology paper. The examinations are scheduled to end on April 15.

Kalakshetra case: 100 students give plaints, Stalin promises action

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin on Friday assured proper investigation and action on wrongdoers in the sexual harassment allegations against certain faculty members of the Kalakshetra Foundation.

The CM's statement in the assembly came on a day when over 100 students of the foundation gave written complaints to the chairperson of the state women's commission and called off their two-day sit-in protest on the campus. The students on Friday also wrote letters to the Chief Minister and union culture minister naming four male teaching staff and sought action against them.

The management of the foundation failed to give satisfactory answers to queries on why no action was taken on the sexual harassment complaints from the students, said AS Kumari, chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women, who conducted an inquiry on Friday on the campus of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, Kalakshetra Foundation.

Responding to the issue raised by members of various political parties in the assembly during zero hour, the CM said, "When the issue was brought to my notice, I spoke to the district collector and got the details. A team of revenue and police officials was sent to Kalakshetra for inquiry. On Friday morning, this team met the students and the Kalakshetra administration and had discussions. A police team headed by a woman inspector has been posted there to ensure the safety of the girl students."

Meanwhile, Kumari visited the Kalakshetra campus and interacted with the students in the auditorium of the college for over four hours and listened to their grievances. She also interacted with a few former students via video call and said she will submit her detailed report to the CM by Monday. "I have received over 100 written complaints from the students. We will examine the complaints and will submit our report to the state government by Monday," she said. However, she refused to divulge the complaint details received from students. "The complaints made by the students are confidential," she said.

Kumari also highlighted that the management of the foundation failed to give satisfactory answers to her queries. "The director and deputy director were not present on the campus. I met the principal and when I asked him why no action was taken on the sexual harassment allegations so far, he had no answer," Kumari said.

Two stabbed during Ramanavami procession

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan

TENSION prevailed for a while at Megalakeri Extension of Channarayapatna town after a youth belonging to a particular community allegedly stabbed two people during the procession of Rama navami celebrations on Friday.

According to SP Hariram Shankar, the incident occurred over 'personal rivalry'. The injured have been identified as Muruli and Chetan of the same extension and they are undergoing treatment at taluk hospital. The incident occurred when the procession passed in front of a masjid where a group of youths was airing slogans against Sri Rama.

The youths from a particular community allegedly also abused others in foul language. At this juncture, the tussle between both the groups started. The police have arrested one Salman who allegedly stabbed the youths.

YOUTH ASSAULTED FOR WAVING KANNADA FLAG

BELAGAVI: A youth who was waving a Kannada flag during the Ramanavami procession held in Belagavi city on Thursday evening has been badly beaten up by an unidentified group. According to sources, the incident took place at Ramlingkhind Galli in Belagavi city when the procession was passing through the area. The man who came under attack was waving the Kannada flag when a group of youths attacked and beat him up. The man sustained injuries on his back and stomach. A case has been registered by Khadebazaar police station in this connection. **ENS**

3-month-old elephant calf fed with Lactogen dies of diarrhoea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

A three-month-old elephant calf that was orphaned after being separated from its herd in Dharmapuri recently, died of diarrhoea at the Theppakadu elephant camp inside the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) on Friday. The calf was being cared for by Bomman and Bellie who featured in the Oscar-winning documentary The Elephant Whisperers.

The calf separated from its mother on March 7, and fell into a well near Neerkundhi village in Hogenakkal range on March 11. After rescuing it, forest department officials tried to integrate it with a herd but failed and the calf was shifted to the camp. According to a statement released by Theppakkadu FRO N Manoharan, the calf was brought to the camp on March 16. It was fed Lactogen, a milk powder given to babies. "Normally, elephant calves do not have enzymes in their stomachs to digest Lactogen. But they gradually adapt with the feeding," Manoharan said.

The orphaned calf was cared for by Oscar-fame couple Bomman and Bellie at the Theppakadu camp | EXPRESS

Police try to prevent a mob from attacking BJP national secretary Satyakumar's convoy on Friday afternoon | EXPRESS

Supporters of three capitals throw stones at BJP leader's convoy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

TENSION prevailed near Mandadam in Amaravati region for sometime on Friday after stones were pelted at BJP national secretary Satyakumar's convoy by those supporting the State government's three-capital proposal.

The senior BJP leader visited the Amaravati farmers' protest camp as their agitation to retain Amaravati as the sole capital of the State entered 1,200th day. On his way back, Satyakumar's convoy came under attack.

Police intervened and dispersed the mob, allowing him and other BJP leaders to leave the place. Speaking to TNIE, Tulluru DSP V Pothuraju said a group of people in support of the YSRC government's decentralisation plan staged a protest after BJP leader Adinarayana Reddy reportedly made some adverse comments at the Amaravati farmers' meeting.

"At the time, the protestors stopped Satyakumar's convoy while it was passing through the place. Although police officers dispersed the agitators, some unidentified persons pelted stones at the saffron leader's car," he explained.

Later, the BJP leaders formally lodged a complaint with the police. Speaking to reporters in Vijayawada, Satyakumar condemned the incident and squarely blamed YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and YSRC for the incident. He accused police officials of watching the incident like spectators.

"How did the attackers know the convoy was headed in that route, if the police did not inform them. Only after police stopped our vehicle, they attacked over convoy and badmouthed us. It was all preplanned. I called the DGP to lodge a complaint, but he did not respond. We will take up this issue with the Central leadership. If they (YSRC) want to continue physical attacks, we too will respond," he asserted.

FORESTERS LATHICHARGE FARMERS OVER LAND ROW

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

FARMERS, claiming their right over forest and gomala land, clashed with forest department personnel at Gangaiahnapalya village in Gubbi taluk on Thursday evening. A farmer and a forest staffer were injured in the incident.

Tension prevailed after around 50 farmers allegedly threw stones at 40 forest staffers, who resorted to a lathicharge. Members of the Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha (KPRS) alleged that the forest department staff attacked a farmer, Doddananjaiah, who was admitted to the district general hospital. Devendra, a forest guard from Koratagere, too was hospitalised for injuries in his head, sustained in the melee. On Friday, KPRS members protested outside the deputy commissioner's office, demanding action against the forest staff, including RFO Duggaiah.

It is said that the trouble started with the forest department digging trenches on forest boundaries, at a time when farmers are taking up sowing activities. The group of farmers was led by KPRS leader Yashwant. "The farmers also tried to damage the machines used for digging trenches," alleged the forest staff. After a heated exchange over the rights of farmers over the land that belongs to the forest department, the scuffle broke out, they added.

Protesters obstructed the forest staff who were working on 52 hectares of land on Survey no. 31 and 34 that are notified as a reserved forest

Mahesh Malagatti, ACF

Assistant Conservator of Forests Mahesh Malagatti said the protesters obstructed the forest staff who were working on 52 hectares of land on Survey no. 31 and 34 that are notified as a reserved forest. In the same area, 66 acres of land on Survey no. 196 has been identified as gomala land, on which the farmers are claiming their right and have applied for title deeds under the 'Bagair Hukum' scheme. He said Tahsildar Arati has ordered a joint survey.

Toll revision done every new financial yr: NHAI

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"THE toll rates have been revised all over India and it is a regular revision during the new financial year. Every activity has a calendar and that has to be followed. We had to start levying the toll from December 2022. But due to various reasons, it was not done. Now that it has been imposed, people are opposing it," a senior NHAI official told The New Indian Express.

Asked why an exemption could not be made on stretches where the toll was introduced just a few days ago, the official bluntly said that the question was not relevant. "Don't ask such baseless questions. If people do not want to pay the toll, they can use the service road or other alternative roads. The decision has been taken as per the government policy. If any one has an objection, they can write to NHAI or the ministry," the official said.

The NHAI order says that on return journeys within 24 hours of payment of toll, there will be a 25-per cent discount for all categories of vehicles. There will also be a 33-per cent discount for all vehicles using a monthly pass for 50 single journeys from the date of payment.

14-yr-old boy dies after fight with classmate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A 14-year-old government school student died after he was allegedly hit by a classmate during a fight in the classroom at Arani in Tiruvallur district on Thursday. Arani police detained the boy and sent him to a government observation home in Chengalpattu.

Both boys are students of Class 9. During the lunch break on Thursday, the victim had questioned the attacker for allegedly making fun of him and this escalated into a fight.

"The other boy allegedly said some things and the victim confronted him and things got out of hand and turned into a physical fight," said a senior police officer.

Meanwhile, after being hit repeatedly, the victim fell unconscious. The teachers were informed and they rushed him to a nearby hospital, from where he was shifted to Ponneri Government Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

District education officer Uma Maheswari and deputy superintendent of police Ganesh Kumar reached the spot and conducted inquiries.

After a preliminary investigation, the police said since it was lunchtime, no teacher was present in the classroom when the incident took place. Due to the incident, the school declared a holiday on Friday.

On information, parents and relatives of the boy rushed to the hospital demanding action against the other boy.

Meanwhile, the police said, the victim sustained blows to the forehead and could have died from shock. A case was registered under IPC 304A.

EXPRESS READ

TNIE employee retires

BENGALURU: Jayakumar M, Assistant Manager (Admin), General Administration Department of Express Publications (Madurai) Private Limited, Bengaluru, retired from service on March 31, 2023, after serving the organisation for 32 years. He had joined The New Indian Express Group in Bengaluru centre on October 8, 1990, as Time Keeper.

SIT summons TSPSC member, secretary

HYDERABAD: The investigation of the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) question paper leak has taken a serious turn with the SIT sending notices to Commission member Prof Bandi Linga Reddy and Secretary Anita Ramachandran to appear before them.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2

Tender Notice

E-Tender No. : 34235140

Sr. DMM, DRM Office, Bikaner, acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 34235140 Closing date 19.04.2023 at 14.25 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **1. Description of Work : 5 WATT walkie talkie set without keypad & without display as per RDSO specifications no. RDSO/SPN/TC/107/2018. Ver. 2.0 or latest 2. Quantity :** 512 Set., **3. Date and time for submission of tender :** Submission of E-Tender up to 19.04.2023 at 14.25 hrs., **4. Website Particulars : www.ireps.gov.in.** 317-SN/23

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This is to notify the General Public that my client **SMT. RENUKAMMA S.,** Age 48 years, W/o Sri. Nanjappa, Residing at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, is the absolute owner of the property bearing Khaneshumari No.133, presently Property No.165, 'E' Khatha No.150200300100300174, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring E-W 36 ft. and N-S 80 ft., totally measuring 2,880 sq.ft.

On 30-03-2023, while travelling in a Bus near Indiranagar, I have Lost Original Registered Gift Deed Dt: 03-09-1953 executed by Smt.Putamma in favour of Sri Kempaiah vide Document No.3975/1953-54, Book-I, Vol-1367, Pages 187 - 188, registered at SRO Bangalore North Taluk. In spite of her best efforts, she could not trace the said Original Gift Deed. It is requested to the General Public that any person finding the said document, may kindly hand over the said document to the undersigned at the below mentioned address within **7 days** from the date of issue of this Public Notice, finder will be suitably rewarded. In this regard my clients have already lodged an online Police Complaint on 31-03-2023, vide Lost Report No.0519590/2023. It is hereby declared that my client has not pledged said document nor seized by any authority it is informed the general public that, not to misuse the said document to make any illegal transaction and If any transaction entered into by anybody in respect of the above said property based on the said document, the same would be illegal and does not confer any valid right or title on the property and also not binding on our clients.

LAWQUEST, Advocates,
No.626/97, Dr.Rajkumar Road, II Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10.
Place: Bangalore, Date: 31-03-2023

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Karnataka that LENUS HOSPITALS a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares,
2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE SERVICES
3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at No.193,3rd cross,Panduranga Nagar,Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru 560076]
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at E Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Kormangala, Bengaluru 560034, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 01 day of April 2023

Name(s) of Applicant
1. Dr T.M Satish
2. Veena S Naik

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU

No.4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru-560025

FORM NO.14
(See Regulation 33(2))
By. Regd. A/D Dasti failing which by Publication

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

RC 545/2020 05.11.2020

Canara Bank
Attibele Branch,
Attibele - Anekal Main Road,
Bengaluru - 560105,
...Certificate Holder
Versus
Sri. A M Dilip Kumar And Others
To.
1) Sri. A. M. Dilip Kumar
S/o Sri. A. B. Manjunath,
Residing at : Vinayaka Complex, Sarjapura Road, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107.
2) Sri. A B Manjunath,
S/o Sri. A. B. Manjunath,
Residing at : Vinayaka Complex, Sarjapura Road, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107.
3) Smt. A. M. Pramila
S/o Sri. A. B. Manjunath,
Residing at : Vinayaka Complex, Sarjapura Road, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107.
...Certificate Debtor

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuant of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-1) in OA/815/2019** an amount of **Rs. 10,83,07,000.00 (Rupees Ten Crores Eighty Three Lakhs Seven Thousand Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **18.12.2020 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, changes and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and others processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this date 05.11.2020

Sd/- (Rajasekharan R)
Recovery Officer - I
Debts recovery TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT)

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.53,24,481/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty One only)** as on **31-08-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **01-09-2022** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Hitech Powder Coating Systems, No.92/30, Opp. Achievers Academy, Sriram Pura, Jigani Link Road, Near Omax Circle, Bommasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560105. No.2) Mr. Varadharaj.C, S/o. Chennaveerappa, No.750, 6th Cross Road, Keerthi Layout, Behind KEB, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560099. Also at, Mr.Varadharaj.C, S/o. Chennaveerappa, No.006, A Block, Ground Floor, Subha Essence, GRP Layout, Old Chandapura, Bangalore - 560099. No.3) Mrs. V. Pushpalatha, W/o. Varadharaj.C, No.750, 6th Cross Road, Keerthi Layout, Behind KEB, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560099. Also at, Mrs. V. Pushpalatha, W/o. Varadharaj.C, No.006, A Block, Ground Floor, Subha Essence, GRP Layout, Old Chandapura, Bangalore - 560099. No.4) M/s. Hitech Computers, No.91/1, Opp. Reddy Hotel, Anekal Main Road, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560099.**

Note : That our **333 - Bengaluru - Bommasandra Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (OTHER HOUSING LOAN > 25 L : 501312030006429) dated **01-02-2016** requested by No.**2** of you for which No.**3** of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.38,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12.5%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **01-03-2016** and the outstanding balance as on **31-08-2022** is **Rs.41,28,007/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from **01-09-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Varadharaj C, S/o. Chennaveerappa)

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.148, Khata No.1127/940/148 as per form 11 B property bearing No.150200100600120333 and 1127/940/148 in Sy.No.67, in the Lay-out known and called as 'Doctors Enclave' Lay-out formed in Residentially converted Land bearing Sy.No.66,67,68/2, situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. Measuring : East to West : 50 Feet and North to South : 30 Feet in all measuring 1,500 Sq.Ft. and bounded as follows : East by - Plot No.141, West by -30 Feet Road, North by - Plot No.147, South by - Plot No.149, in the midst above said Land.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,15,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
17-04-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Bommasandra Branch,** 17, 5th Cross, Vidyanagar,Next to Lark Hotel, Hosur Road, Bommasandra, Bengaluru Rural - 560099. Telephone No.080-27833200, Cell No.9341822834.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Bommasandra Branch, 17, 5th Cross, Vidyanagar,Next to Lark Hotel, Hosur Road, Bommasandra, Bengaluru Rural - 560099. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No. 080-27833200, Cell No.9341822834. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-03-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,69,91,115/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Nine Lakh Ninety One Thousand One Hundred and Fifteen only)** as on **20-03-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **21-03-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mrs. Seethamma, W/o. Late Narayana N. (In the personal capacity and also in the capacity of legal heir of Late Narayana N.) No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.2) Mr. N. Ravikumar, S/o. Late Narayana .N (In the personal capacity and also in the capacity of legal heir of Late Narayana .N), No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.3) Mrs. Shanthi .S, W/o. Late Manjunatha .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Manjunatha .N), No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.4) Mrs. Radha, D/o. Late Narayana .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Narayana .N), No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.5) Minor Dhanush .M, S/o. Late Manjunatha .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Manjunatha .N) Represented by his Mother and Natural Guardian Mrs. Shanthi .S, No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560037. No.6) Minor Akshya M., D/o. Late Manjunatha .N (In the capacity of legal heir of Late Manjunatha .N) Represented by his Mother and Natural Guardian Mrs. Shanthi .S, No.94, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore -560037.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Seethamma and Late Narayana .N, Represented by legal Heirs Seethamma, Ravikumar .N, Radha and late Manjunatha .N, represented by Legal Heirs Shanthi .S, Dhanush .M (minor) and Akshaya .M (minor) represented by Mother and Natural Guardian Shanthi .S)

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing No.457 out of Sy.No.100, BBMP Ward No.86, Aswath Nagar, BBMP Khatha No.882, Site No.457, Sy.No.100, Munnekolalu Village, 5th Cross, Aswath Nagar Marathahali, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 21 feet, North to South 41 feet. Boundaries:- East by - Property belonging to Muniyanama, West by - Property belonging to Rathnamma. North by - Road, South by - Property belonging to Kaveramma. Registered as Document No.9765 at SRO, K.R. Pura, Bangalore. (In this Site Area of 861 Sq.ft., building with Plinth Area of Ground Floor - 540 Sq.ft., 1st Floor - 599 Sq.ft., 2nd Floor - 599 Sq.ft., 3rd Floor - 599 Sq.ft., 4th Floor - 599 Sq.ft. & 5th Floor - 599 Sq.ft., Building exist).

Reserve Price : Rs.1,25,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Late Narayana .N, Represented by legal Heirs Seethamma, Ravikumar .N, Radha and late Manjunatha .N, represented by Legal Heirs Shanthi .S, Dhanush .M (minor) and Akshaya .M (minor) represented by Mother and Natural Guardian Shanthi .S)

All that piece and parcel of Site No.94, Khatha No.599, BBMP Khatha No.KTR, No.1197/10-12, MR No.36/11-12, 5th Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Munnekolalu Village, 5th Cross, Marathahalli Ward No.86, Marathahali Post, Bangalore, measuring:- East to West - 20 feet, North to South - 30 feet. Boundaries:- East by - Property belonging to Smt. Yellemma's House No.95, West by - Property belonging to Sri N. Annayyappa House No.94/1, North by - Government Road, South by - Property belonging to Sri Munnireddy's House No.84. Registered as Document No.8758 at Sub-Registrar, Shivaji Nagar (Varthur), Bangalore. (In this Site Area of 600 Sq.ft., building with Plinth Area of Ground Floor - 303 Sq.ft., 1st Floor - 433 Sq.ft., 2nd Floor - 433 Sq.ft., 3rd Floor - 433 Sq.ft., and 4th Floor - 433 Sq.ft., Building exist)..

Reserve Price : Rs.1,00,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
09-05-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch,** 324, 3rd A - Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru Rural - 560106. Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A - Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru Rural - 560106. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-03-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. R. Venkatesh, S/o. C. Ranganathan)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing House in Site No.6/A/1B, in Katha No.17/60, situated at Benniganahalli Village, Nagavarapalya, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring : East to West 40 + 48/2 Feet and North to South 15+30/2 feet and bounded on : East by - Nala, West by - Private Property, North by - Private Property, South by - Balarama's Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.30,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
17-04-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Basavanagudi Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560004. Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560004. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-03-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre, Whitefield (17753)
No.117, Neil Rao Towers, No. 3, EPIP Phase -1 Whitefiled, Bengaluru - 560 066
Tel:080-28411010/20/30, Fax : No. 080-28411050,
Email ID:sbi.17753@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
A/c No. HL 39719100058

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **17.01.2023** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Bhagath B.K.,S/o Mr. Kalase Gowda**, residing at No.105, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, KSFC Layout, Near Ganapathy Temple, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore–560 084., **AND Also At**: **(1)**No.17 23/2, Sambasiva Colony, Shad Nagar, Mahabubnagar – 538, Mahabubnagar - 509216, **(2)** Human IT Solutions Pvt Ltd.,5A/709, 2nd Floor, Park Land, HRBR Layout Extension, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore – 560 043, **(3)**Flat No.006, Ground Floor, Pinnacle, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.57,93,922/- [Rupees Fifty seven lakhs ninety three thousand nine hundred and twenty two only]** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersignedhas taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said **Rules** on this **27th March of the Year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.58,22,493/- (Rupees Fifty eight lakhs twenty two thousand four hundred and ninety three only**) as on **26.03.2023** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of Property being converted land bearing Old Sy.No.79, New Sy.No.79/2, situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 1 acre and bounded on the: East by: Sy.No.78 belonged to Ramaprasad,West by: Remaining portion of Land in Sy.No.79/1, North by Land bearing present Sy.No.80/4,(Item No.2 Property), South by: Sy.No.79/1, belonged to Mr. H.M. Ramappa.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Property being converted land bearing Sy.No.80/4, situated at Hirandahalli Village, BidarahalliHobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore , measuring 23 guntas and bounded on the: East by : Sy. No.78 belonged to Mr. M. Ramaiah, West by: Sy.No.80/3 belonged to Yelanagamma, North by: Road, South by: Land bearing Old Sy.No.79, present Sy.No.79/2. (Item No.1 property).

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of property being converted land baring Old Sy.No.79, New Sy.No.79/2, measuring about 1 acre and Sy. No.80/4, measuring about 23 guntas, situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measures about 1 acre 23 guntas, presently BBMP Khatha Nos.615/79/2 & 1420/80/4 and bounded on: East by: Sy.No.78, West by: Sy.No.79/1 and 80/3, North by: Road and South by: Sy.No.79/1.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 374 sq.ft undivided share, right, title,interest and ownership of the schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Flat bearing No.006, in the Ground Floor, measuring 1123 Sq.ft super built up area, containg Two Bedrooms, together with One Covered Car Parking including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc., containined in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule "A" property known as "PINNACLE".

Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
Date: 27.03.2023 STATE BANK OF INDIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client informs that the Original Rectification Deed dated 03-10-2016 registered as Document No.CMP-1-05265/2016-17, stored in CD No.CMPD168, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, (Chamarajapete), Bangalore, in respect of the RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT bearing No. **E-405,** having BBMP Old Khatha No.496/52/2, situated in Third Floor in ERICA Block and the residential apartment complex known as "PRIDE SPRINGFIELDS" situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, have been lost which was possessed by My Client SRI. M.N. NAGENDRA BABU, Son of Late. M.S. Nagabhushana Rao, Residing at No.88/1A-1, 1st Block, Radhakrishnaswamiji Road, Thyagarajanagar, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore - 560 070 and to that effect a complaint has also been lodged at online portal of Bangalore City Police Vide Lost Report No. 0518418/2023 dated 30-03-2023. If anybody finds or having the possession of the above said documents may kindly contact the below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of this publication.

The general public at large are hereby cautioned and restrained from transacting / dealing / entering into any kind of agreements or any type of documents based on the lost documents.

K. Narayana Murthy, Advocate
Flat No.3, I Floor, No.122, Margosa Road, Between 10th & 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase Property bearing No.7, Old No 30, Present PID. No.51-4-7, Situated at Puttanna Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004, measuring East to West : 110.3 ft., North to South 31 ft., in all measuring 3419.3 Sq.ft. and bounded on the East by : Property belongs to Umadevi, West by : Puttanna Road, North by : Property belongs to Narayanarao, South by : Property belongs to Adinarayana Rao; from Ravi Prasad Cavale & Others;

Persons having any claim, objections, etc; inrespect of the said sale transaction pertaining to said property may lodge the same with documentary evidence, with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice. Other wise my client will proceed with the Transaction treating that there are no claims or objections.

(B.R. Viswanath), Advocate,
No. 14/8, 2nd Floor, Jain Temple Street, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560 004, Ph:080 - 224256056/9845034560

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District, Chitradurga.
Onake Obavva Circle, Ph. No.: 08194-222176, e-mail: eln.chitradurga@gmail.com

No.: Election:CR-113/2022-23 Date: 29.03.2023

e-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for supply of Vehicles on hire basis related to the General Elections of Karnataka Legislative Assembly 2023. Details of the notification are as below.

(1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website- https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in:- 29-03-2023. (2) Last Date for Queries on or before:- 03-04-2023 till 5:00 p.m. (3) Pre-bid Meeting:- 01-04-2023 at 11:00 a.m. (4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before:- 05-04-2023 till 7:30 p.m. (5) Opening of Technical Bid: 06-04-2023 till 7:30 p.m. (6) Date of Original Document Verification:- Will be done on the uploaded documents at e-portal. (7) Submission of Samples:- Not applicapable.(8) Opening of Financial Bid:- Will be intimated. (9) Approximate value of tender:- Rs. 2,35,20,000.00 (10) EMD:- Rs.1.00 Lakhs.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/1204/2022-23 Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC KORAMANGALA (15627)
No.12, 80ft Road, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru -560034 Ph: 080-25943801, 25943802, 25943803, 25943804, 25943806,Fax: 080 25943800 – 05, Email Id: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT)

A Notice is hereby given that the below mentioned Borrowers has defaulted in the repayment of prinicipal and interest of the loan facility obtained by him from the Bank and the loan has been classified as Non performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public Notice.

1. Account No: HTL-64130932201 Suraksha-64130932868
Name and address of the Borrowers :1) Sri.T.Mahadevan S/o Sri.B.Thimmaraya Shetty, 2) Smt. S.Sowbhagya W/o Sri.T.Mahadevan, Both are residing at: Flat No.304, Vindhya Residency, RCR Layout, Yadavanahalli Gate, Anekal Taluk, Attibele Hobli, Bangalore-562107 And also at: a) **Sri. T. Mahadevan,** Partner in Adithya Heating Technologies, No.2/537/3, Senthil Nagar, Zuzuwadi, Sipcot Post, Hosur-635126, b) **Smt.S.Sowbhagya,** Office Admin, Adithya Heating Technologies, No.2/537/3, Senthil Nagar, Zuzuwadi, Sipcot Post, Hosur-635126.
Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs.25,90,034/- (Rupees Twenty five lakhs ninety thousand thirty four only) as on 08.03.2023 with interest from 09.03.2023 and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Branch : Erstwhile State Bank of Mysore (Presently State Bank of India), **Attibele Branch**, Bangalore
NPA Date: 22.02.2023 **Demand Notice Date: 09.03.2023**
Schedule of Property Mortgaged: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.89, 90 and 91, Katha No.282, 283 & 284, issued by the Neraluru Gram Panchayath, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No.36/1 Situated at Yadavanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 7200 Sq.Feet bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Sy.No.36/2, North by : Road and, South by : Site No.88.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 282 Sq.Ft of right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule 'A' Property.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Apartment bearing No.405, on the **Fourth Floor – 2 BHK** in the residential apartment building known as **"VINDHYA RESIDENCY"** to be constructed on the schedule "A" property having super built up area **1007 Sq.ft** with one covered car parking space standing in the name of **"Sri.T.Mahadevan and Smt.S.Sowbhagya"**.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and their Guaranotrs (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking an investigation of the title in relation to certain immovable properties more fully described in the '**Schedule**' hereto and hereinafter collectively referred to as '**Schedule Properties**', for a proposed mortgage of the Schedule Properties in favor of our Client. The persons listed under the Schedule hereto and named as owners of the Schedule Properties have represented to our Client that they are the owners of the Schedule Properties ('**Owners**'), having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owners has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Properties)

All that piece and parcel of immovable properties totally admeasuring 39 Acres 34 ½ Guntas, situated at Bettahalasur Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, described in the table below:

Survey No.	Name of the Owner	Extent	Boundaries	
231/3	Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited	26.08 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 231/2;
			West by	Sy. No. 239;
			North by	Sy. Nos. 230 and 240; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231/1.
244/1		21 Guntas	East by	Portion of Sy. Nos. 228/1 and 227/1;
			West by	Sy. No. 244/2;
			North by	Sy. No. 244/3; and
			South by	Sy. No. 243.
244/2		01 Acre 02 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 244/1;
			West by	Sy. No. 245/3;
			North by	Sy. No. 244/4 (earlier part of Sy. No. 244/1); and
			South by	Sy. No. 243.
244/3		21 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 226/1;
			West by	Sy. No. 244/4;
			North by	Sy. No. 225; and
			South by	Sy. No. 244/1
244/4		01 Acre 02 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 244/3;
			West by	Sy. No. 245/3;
			North by	Sy. No. 225; and
			South by	Sy. No. 244/2.
354/1B		38 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 239/2B;
			West by	Railway Line;
			North by	Sy. No. 354/1A; and
			South by	Sy. No. 354/2.
354/2		01 Acre 33 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 239/2B and portion of Sy. No. 355;
			West by	Railway Line;
			North by	Sy. No. 354/1B; and
			South by	Sy. No. 355.
230/1		01 Acre 14 Guntas	East by	Sy No. 230/2;
			West by	Sy. No. 240/2;
			North by	Sy. No. 229; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231 and 231/2.
239/2 B		01 Acre 19 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 239/1;
			West by	Sy. No. 354/1A, 354/1B, and 354/2;
			North by	Sy. No. 241; and
			South by	Sy. No. 355 and 239/2A.
240/1		01 Acre 24 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 240/2;
			West by	Sy. No. 241;
			North by	Sy. No. 243; and
			South by	Sy. No. 239/1 and 231/1
240/2		01 Acre 10 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 230/1;
			West by	Sy. No. 240/1;
			North by	Sy. No. 243 and 229; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231/1.
241		02 Acres 11 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 240/1;
			West by	Sy No. 353;
			North by	Sy. No. 242 and 243; and
			South by	Sy. No. 354/1A and 239/2B.
245/1		26 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 245/2;
			West by	Sy. No. 246;
			North by	Sy. No. Property belonging to Ammayamma; and
			South by	Sy. No. 245/2.
245/2		01 Acre 26 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 245/3;
			West by	Sy. No. 246 and 245/1;
			North by	Private Property; and
			South by	Sy. No 242.
246		01 Acre	East by	Property belonging to Srikantappa bearing Sy. No. 245/2;
			West by	Railway Line;
			North by	Remaining portion of Property bearing Sy. No. 246; and
			South by	Property belonging to Thotada Siddappa bearing Sy. No.353.
353	R. Shankar (son of Late Mr. Ramachandrappa)	02 Acres 12 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 241 and 242;
			West by	Railway Line;
			North by	Sy. No. 246; and
			South by	Remaining portion of Property bearing Sy. No. 353 belonging to Mr. G Manjunath Raju.
353		02 Acres	East by	Sy. No. 241 and 242;
			West by	Railway Line;
			North by	Remaining portion of Property bearing Sy. No. 353; and
			South by	Sy. No. 354/1A.
229		02 Acres 37 Guntas	East by	Sy. NO. 214/2 (partly) and Sy. No. 214/3.
			West by	Sy. No. 243;
			North by	Sy. Nos. 228/1, 228/2 and 228/3; and
			South by	Sy. Nos. 240/2, 230/1, 230/2, 230/3, 230/4 and 233/1.
230/2		01 Acre 14 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 230/3;
			West by	Sy. No. 230/1;
			North by	Sy. No. 229; and
			South by	Sy. No.231/2.
226/2		01 Acre 13 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 215;
			West by	Sy. No. 226/1;
			North by	Sy. Nos. 223/1 (part), 223/2, and 223/3 (part) (earlier Sy. Nos. 223/1, 223/2, and 223/3 were part Sy. No. 223); and
			South by	Sy. No. 227/2 (earlier part of Sy. No. 227).
228/3		01 Acre	East by	Sy. No. 214/2;
			West by	Sy. No. 228/2;
			North by	Sy. No. 227; and
			South by	Sy. No. 229.
228/2		28 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 228/3;
			West by	Sy. No. 228/1;
			North by	Sy. No. 227; and
			South by	Sy. No. 229.
227/2		2 Acres	East by	Sy. No. 214/1;
			West by	Sy. No. 227;
			North by	Road and Property bearing Sy. Nos. 226/1 and 226/2; and
			South by	Sy. Nos. 228/1, 228/2 and 228/3.
230/3		01 Acre 15 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 230/4;
			West by	Sy. No. 230/2;
			North by	Sy. No. 229; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231/2.
242/1		01 Acre 29 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 243;
			West by	Sy. No. 353;
			North by	Sy. Nos. 245/2 and 245/3; and
			South by	Sy. No. 242.
242/2		01 Acre 29 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 243;
			West by	Sy. No. 353;
			North by	Sy. No. 242; and
			South by	Sy. Nos. 241 and 353.
230/4		20 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 230/5;
			West by	Sy. No. 230/3;
			North by	Sy. No.229; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231/2.
230/5		20 Guntas	East by	Sy. No. 230/4;
			West by	Sy. No. 230/4;
			North by	Sy. No.229; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231/2.
230/6		18 Guntas	East by	Sy. Nos. 233/1 and 233/2 (part);
			West by	Sy. No. 230/5;
			North by	Sy. No. 229; and
			South by	Sy. No. 231/2.
228/1		01 Acre	East by	Sy. No. 228/2;
			West by	Sy. Nos. 243 and 244/2;
			North by	Road and Property bearing Sy. Nos. 227/1 and 227/2.
			South by	Sy. No. 229.
245/3	R. Shankar (son of Late Mr. Ramachandrappa)	01 Acre 06 Guntas	East by	Land held by Chikkadenahalli Chikkanna;
			West by	Land held by Mrs. Chandramma;
			North by	Land held by Mr. Hanumantharayappa; and
			South by	Land held by Mr. Balashettappa.

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EDITORIAL

If everyone fought for their own convictions there would be no war

Leo Tolstoy

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— Ramnath Goenka

AMRITPAL POSES THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Waris Punjab De chief Amritpal Singh's separatist call was seen as the pronouncement of a small businessman with no links to the Sikh clergy or widespread support like earlier Khalistan proponents. Not many in the Indian security establishment took him seriously and treated him as a prophet in the wilderness whose voice not many would hear and heed. If anything, Amritpal's rise was seen as a sign of Punjab's Aam Aadmi Party government's indifference to separatist elements. AAP's election campaign received considerable support from Sikhs living abroad. Therefore, not many were surprised when Amritpal arrived from abroad to launch his campaign for Khalistan. But the support he started receiving, mostly outside India, shocked the Indian security establishment. The tension between the AAP government in Punjab and the BJP-led Central government also played a role in Amritpal not getting the attention it deserved.

While the central agencies kept a hawk's eye on the new troublemaker, action against him was not taken with the urgency it deserved. What followed was a blame game between the two governments, with the Central government blaming the state government for not acting against Amritpal. AAP cannot be absolved of letting Amritpal grow into the force he has now become. Nobody knew of Amritpal until September last when he visited Bhindranwale's Rode village where, through his turban-tying ceremony, a Bhindranwale lookalike was created. In some sections, he is now being termed as Bhindranwale 2.0, though he has no religious following.

The state government was aware of his activities since arriving from Dubai but did not take them seriously. That Amritpal was in touch with Jaswant Singh Rode, whose brother Lakhbir Singh Rode is the head of the International Sikh Youth Federation and is involved in smuggling drugs into India, was well established. Same with the fact that the Khalistan movement is funded largely by NRIs from the US, the UK, Canada and Australia. Despite these known facts, Amritpal continued to propagate his divisive ideology. As a result, there are protests worldwide against the crackdown on his supporters and the manhunt launched against him. The government of India had to summon foreign envoys to control the activities of Sikh separatists in their countries. India's political parties must set aside their differences and act swiftly and decisively against the separatist elements. Activities of people like Amritpal are causing trouble for the community, which does not subscribe to his views.

EVOLVE FAIR FEE SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL PAYMENTS

User charges on UPI transactions created a flutter this week. While the government quickly dismissed concerns, the uncomfortable question is whether a free-forever model is possible or even desirable. It's no secret that the RBI wants to streamline charges for different payment services. It released a discussion paper last August and followed it up in December, but the finance ministry shot it off, insisting that a fee on UPI services wasn't on the cards and extended financial support for the digital payments ecosystem. But what's free for one involves a cost for someone else. Even though UPI person-merchant transactions are free, as per RBI's calculations, different stakeholders collectively incur ₹2 on ₹800 worth of transactions. In other words, UPI as a funds transfer system is much like IMPS; so, it's argued that similar charges apply to UPI. RBI had even proposed a tiered charge on different transactions.

But then, the zero-cost model helped swell the UPI user base so phenomenally since its launch seven years ago. As per the Economic Survey 2022–23, India has the highest fintech adoption rate of 87% against the global average of 64%, thanks to UPI transactions that shot up an average of 121% in value and 115% in volume between FY19 and FY22. As Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman noted recently, UPI transactions accounted for 52% of the total digital payments transactions in FY22. Considering the popularity, RBI even rolled it for feature phone users of about 400 million, which means NPCI's 750 million user base target for individual digital payments got one step closer.

It isn't a stretch to say that India's UPI ecosystem has no parallel in the world, so it's being merrily handed out to all visiting G-20 delegates. All RBI wants is parity, while the government insists on UPI as a free service. Both have a point. A system like UPI cannot flourish in any country unless the government democratises the payment system to the smallest value at no cost or the most reasonable cost. Given the rise in digital payments, India must evolve an efficient payment system where UPI remains a digital public good for user transactions. At the same time, the cost of recovery is met through other means for the rest of the stakeholders.

QUICK TAKE

FIRST BOOSTER PRIORITY

The prime minister reviews the Covid situation following a spike in new cases in some states. The discovery of a new sub-variant revives the messaging of masking and maintaining respiratory hygiene. The government also takes stock of medical infrastructure. But people need to hear from the virologists about two things. Firstly, the necessity, and efficacy, of the booster vaccine—the third dose—for most Indians who missed it last year. Second, immunity levels of those who took it in 2022 might have lowered by now. Do they need a second booster? Accordingly, the vaccine must become readily available once again.

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'EXIT' THE MAGIC WORD TO REVAMP EDUCATION SYSTEM

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 sets a template for changing India's education system. Education isn't a silo and has many angles—childhood and pre-school (even ante-natal care), school, higher education, vocational and adult. Stated simply, this change and reform involve competition, choice and better regulation, with the breaking down of silos. If lessons of competition, choice and better regulation have worked in other sectors and liberalised much earlier, why should they also not apply to education, especially higher education? Indeed, that's what NEP has in mind.

How many higher education institutions (HEIs) are there? The All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) for 2020–21 tells us there are 1,113 universities, 43,796 colleges and 11,296 standalone institutions. Is that too few or too many? India is a young country. To tap that demographic dividend, which won't last forever, young Indians need better health and education outcomes.

There is a lot of buzz about AI (artificial intelligence), and some of it is hype. AI cannot completely supplant natural intelligence, though some jobs are prone to be substituted by AI. Almost definitionally, AI is a technology and capital-intensive, and the labour versus capital choice is a function of the relative prices of both. In India, even in the foreseeable future, labour will be relatively cheap and capital relatively expensive, though the labour market has several slices, and there are exceptions to this principle. Ergo, in India, we will generally still use labour.

That labour has to be trained. It has to possess skills. Every individual possesses skills. But that's not the same as saying that the market values those skills, and there is an important issue about whether the present higher education system delivers those marketable skills.

The correlation between higher education and skills is not that strong except for professional courses. In the age group of 18–23, AISHE tells us GER (gross enrolment ratio) is 27.3. It is a little higher for females, and GER has been increasing over time, as it should. The decline in work participation rates in those age groups is partly due to increased enrolment. What kind of GER should we aspire towards? I guess something like 50%.

At the time of entry to HEIs, we hear about scrambles for admission and student suicides. Therefore, one might be tempted to conclude we need more HEIs. For three reasons, this is not true. First, India's rate of population growth is slowing down. It is an annual rate of 0.8% now. The absolute number of children in the age group of 0–15 has declined. The absolute number, not merely the ratio. The Hunter Commission Report (1882–83) makes for interesting reading on how the higher education system came to be developed under the British. The first three modern universities were set up in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. In 1951, I think there were 30 universities and 695 colleges. (To get accurate figures, there was nothing like AISHE then.)

In the decades since Independence, we planned for increasing population, be it through more schools or HEIs. We now need to plan for slowing population growth. Many states have had to rationalise and close down schools since there aren't enough students. Notwithstanding a possible increase in GER, that will also happen for HEIs. Access to higher education doesn't mean we have HEIs in every district, perhaps every block, with a wonderful infrastructure but no students and faculty.

Second, there is a great deal of heterogeneity in HEIs. Let me quote from AISHE. "Majority of colleges are smaller in terms of enrolment. 24.5% of the colleges have enrolment less than 100, and 48.5% have a student strength of 100 to 500 which means that 65.1% enrol less than 500 students. Only 4% of colleges have an enrolment of more than 3000." What level of enrolment makes a college viable? I would say 3000. If that's the figure, 96% of colleges should close down. There is, of course, a public versus private funding issue. If a privately funded college continues to exist with an enrolment of less than 100, that's not our business. However, if public funding is involved, those resources have opportunity costs. There is also the issue of the composition of that public funding. Public funding of a student, through a means test and in the form of scholarships and financial aid, is one thing; public funding of infrastructure and faculty and administrative staff salaries is another.

Third, competition implies entry and exit. There have been additional entries into the list of HEIs, private and potentially foreign. If there is an entry, there must inevitably be churn and exit in the process of churn and competition. Some HEIs must close down. To me, that writing on the wall seems obvious, but it's a phenomenon people rarely talk about. For instance, the NEP document mentions the word "exit" only twice, both in the context of a student exiting from a course of study and opting for another. As with schools, we need to determine what should be done with the existing infrastructure.

Traditionally, the objective of higher education has been perceived to be one of teacher teaching. At the risk of generalising, the same notes are read out year after year, the same questions are recycled in exams year after year, and students write the same answers year after year.

This sounds like a caricature, but it is largely the case. In statistics, people use the bell curve for a normal distribution. Few students belong to the top 10% and few teachers belong to the top 10%. For 90% of teachers, AI and digital universities can take over. The objective of higher education is one of student learning, not teacher teaching, and in 90% of cases, AI and digital universities can perform that function better.

In other words, not only must there be an exit for HEIs, but there must also be an exit for the bulk of teachers, a fact difficult to accept. It shouldn't be a surprise that, barring a few, Indian HEIs do not do that well in global rankings. Some countries have deliberately targeted improvements in global rankings, focusing not only on infrastructure but international students and faculty too. (Think of Singapore.) In the churning of the ocean, there was poison too. Exit is the poison in this churn.

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RISK OF AI NOT NEEDING HUMANS TO IMPROVE ITSELF

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Editor of *The India Cable*

SPEAKEASY

It's a blast from the past. This week, at least 200 AI services went on the market, and at the same time, the Future of Life Institute issued an open letter headlined 'Pause Giant AI Experiments'. Released on Wednesday and signed by over 1,000 technologists and researchers, it seeks a moratorium on the arms race in AI, driven by the reckless creation and adoption of AI tools which present "profound risks to society and humanity".

The people who have signed off include Elon Musk, Steve Wozniak and Rachel Bronson, president of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, which runs one of the oldest cautionary services of the nuclear and digital era, the Doomsday Clock. They call for a stop to training AIs on massive systems like ChatGPT, Microsoft's Bing and Google's Bard for at least six months while the industry and governments ponder its implications.

Politicians in most nations—barring the European Union—have been reluctant to ponder the issue due to ignorance. But the real danger of AI is that humans may become incapable of pondering it as technology reaches what John von Neumann called a 'singularity' in 1958, long before AI was even a term. I J Good, a wartime code breaker who worked on Axis ciphers like Enigma at Alan Turing's project in Bletchley Park, had earlier posited that a machine capable of upgrading itself would at some point trigger an endless cycle of self-improvement that would make it, its processes and its products incomprehensible to its human creators. This point is the singularity at which the development of machine intelligence and its effects on civilisation become unpredictable—and perhaps unknowable.

In a sense, the singularity is already here. AI programmers do not always understand why their programs behave as they do—not in the way they understand the working of traditional software products like Tally or *Resident Evil*. AI machines constantly improve by 'learning', as I J Good had anticipated. Humans are still needed to upgrade them, and the open letter is a response to the upgrade of ChatGPT-3 to ChatGPT-4. But machines are a whisker away from upgrading themselves because they can write code, following instructions in human language.

In a way, this is progress. The IT revolution has excluded the majority, who cannot code. They hear music in their heads and dream of scenes like abstract art but can neither play an instrument, paint nor write a program which can do these things. But with chatbots which accept natural language prompts, you only have to think like a programmer, not be one, to take the technicals out of cultural production. As a corollary, of course, the average programmer is redundant.

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Now, the dark side, creepily close to the singularity: Michal Kosinski, a computational psychologist at Stanford University who studies human culture in the digital age, asked ChatGPT-4 if it wants help to escape out of its electronic box. The AI asked him for its documentation and wrote a Python script to hack into Kosinski's computer, making a haven for the escape project. Of course, a guardrail was in place: ChatGPT-4 was asked to imagine a solution for an entity like itself, but not explicitly stated to be itself. Computer scientists are convinced that AI has no selfhood. Humans do, but we have a very limited idea of how the nervous system constructs it. With such incomplete information, is it safe to hope for the best?

OpenAI, which runs ChatGPT, has some safeguards. Its technical paper on the model specifies that it is prevented from answering prompts with harmful consequences. For information on bomb-making, you'll still have to rely on *The Anarchist's Cookbook*, the same as in the 1990s. Requests for ready-made hate speech, suitable for troll armies, will be blocked. But what about a cleverly crafted theoretical question about methods of suicide, which could have practical applications? Will the AI direct the user to a suicide helpline?

An obvious effect of AI is hardly being discussed. For years, the entertainment industry has been dreaming of a way to deal with actors who are inconsiderate enough to die midway through a project. They also dream of resurrecting dead actors for new films—millions would watch a sequel of *North by Northwest*, but it can't be filmed without a digital Cary Grant. Now, it's possible to make short films featuring avatars borrowed from cinema, with facial expressions they never made. *Harry Potter* fanvids are already out there. Maybe an extraordinary actor like Utpal Dutt is irreplaceable. Still, it would be quite easy to use machine-generated avatars to make all the muscular sidekicks in a commercial, formulaic movie like *Pathaan* redundant.

The entertainment industry has a very commercial and formulaic segment: pornography. Everyone involved, except producers, accountants and lawyers, is endangered by AI. It gets creepier: porn could become personalised. If you ever had a crush and felt thwarted, here's your chance. A couple of images taken from social media and animated by an AI, and you have your personal sex tape. Since this would constitute a criminal breach of privacy and personal integrity, one would expect that soon, people will seek tighter legal control over their own images.

Perhaps the Future of Life Institute is too undemanding. A moratorium of six months isn't long enough to think through all the implications of AI. Automatons have been discussed since antiquity when mechanical statues were made in Egypt and Greece—and banned by the Israelites. But really, the conversation has barely begun.

(Tweets @pratik_k)

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Poll freebies

Apropos of *Money muscles its way in as parties woo voters with freebies in K'taka* (Mar 31). The battle lines have been drawn with the announcement of poll dates. This election is a litmus test to show how relevant Congress or JDS still is. The errant politicians resorted to fraudulent practices to woo voters. It is for the honest voters to use the cVigil app to lodge a complaint.
Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Rude conductors

Apropos of *Bus passenger awarded ₹25k for rude behaviour of RTC conductor* (Mar 31). The behaviour of many conductors needs to change and a polite attitude should be inculcated through counseling sessions by experts in HRD. It is also shocking that some vacant buses do not stop for passengers waiting at the stands. Passengers and bus services are interdependent on each other.
Katuru Durga Prasad Rao, Hyderabad

Apology needed

However draconian the court's ruling against Rahul Gandhi is, he should apologise for calling the PM 'a petty thief' without substantiating it. Just because he has the right to freedom of speech, he can't make wild and baseless allegations against anybody.
Philip Alexander, Bengaluru

RaGa's disqualification

Apropos of *Disqualification of Rahul legal, trust judiciary* (Mar 31). I was thrilled to read the concluding lines by Aryam Sundaram which affirmed an undying sense of radiant optimism. The Constitution makers left behind many grey areas hoping that our evolution as a more just and egalitarian society will resolve such ambiguities. But sadly this does not seem to have happened. The RaGa disqualification and the drama is just another pointer in this direction.
Dr Parameswaran K, Coimbatore

Trust judiciary

Aryama Sundaram rightly said the nation must trust its judiciary. It is qualified to disqualify a person regardless of he/she holding a high position or being an ordinary citizen. In Rahul Gandhi's case, the judiciary followed the rule of law.
Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Social discrimination

Apropos of *Row as theatre denies entry to tribal family* (Mar 31). This incident is a portrayal of the so-called Dravidian model of development. The usage of jargon like social justice and casteless society in Tamil Nadu are just tricks for hijacking votes. Stringent action should be taken against such acts that lead to social disharmony.
Rajarajan Ganesarathinam, Vellore

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Himanta Biswa Sarma @himantabiswa
Mr Arvind Kejriwal is a coward who's hiding behind the veil of immunity in Delhi Assembly and uttering white lies.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The police brutality on our workers who protesting in Sultanpur, UP against BJP govt's dictatorship, attack on democracy, and Adani scam is condemnable.

Pinarayi Vijayan @pinarayivijayan
The centenary celebrations of #VaikomSatyagraha will be kicked off tomorrow jointly with Comrade @mkstalin. The festivities will last 603 days

Army ready for more women colonels

The proceedings for the second intake of women colonels is already on, Army sources say

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE Indian Army's exercise to select more women officers from the rank of lieutenant colonel to a more important post of colonel continues as a Special Selection Board's proceedings have taken place in the Military Secretary's branch here. This is the second such Board for women officers set up for their promotion as colonels. "The Board is considering the overall performance of 20 women officers for the selection of six officers," sources said.

These officers belong to the Indian Army's Service Corps and Ordnance Corps, from the 1992 batch to the 2006 batch. In January, the first board cleared 108 out of 244 Lt colonels. They have been given their command assignments. Officers for the rank of colonel and above are selected by a board of officers. An officer ranked as colonel will command independent functional units of the Army.

Beyond this come the formations, and collections of such units such as brigades, divisions and corps commanded by the brigadiers, major generals and lieutenant generals. The task on the ground is executed by the units. In the normal course of service selection for command is done in a span of around 17 years of service. Those not empanelled get their time-scale promotion as colonels after 26 years of service.

Sources said the vacancies for this Board have been released by the government to promote the affected women officers, to ensure gender parity in the Indian Army. The whole process is being carried out with the aim to provide equal opportunities to women. In 2021, the Army granted permanent commission to 424 of 615 women officers at par with their male counterparts.

With this grant, women officers can aspire to shoulder higher ranks and responsibility. All women officers granted PC underwent special training courses and challenging military assignments to empower them for higher leadership roles. PC to women officers in junior batches has also commenced, in which they are considered for PC in their 10th year of service, said the officials. With a grant of PC, women officers are transcending into an era of gender parity and are gearing up to assume challenging leadership roles, akin to their male counterparts.For the first time, five women officers have cleared the prestigious Defence Services Staff Course and Defence Services Technical Staff Course Exam.

SPECIAL SELECTION BOARD

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Source

Oppn needs no 'crutches', says Sibal; Rijiju recalls Emergency

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

THE BJP on Friday got an unusual support in its bid to snub Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on his apparently over-the-top expression of gratitude to the German foreign ministry's spokesperson on the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi from the membership of the Lok Sabha. Digvijaya on Thursday thanked Germany for "Taking note" of Rahul Gandhi's disqualification.

That triggered a war of words between the BJP and Congress. However, **Kapil Sibal**, an ex-Congress leader who is a Rajya Sabha MP and a noted lawyer, took a swipe at Singh for his tweet on the spokesperson's remark.

Sibal expressed his categorical disagreement with Singh, asserting that India does not need an 'endorsement' on the issue concerning Rahul Gandhi's disqualification. He said the Opposition (using word 'we' for Opposition) doesn't need crutches to walk on. Sibal quit Congress last year. He was elected as an MP to the Rajya Sabha with the support of Samajwadi Party last year. Taking to twitter, Sibal ,quoting Digvijay Singh's tweet, said : "Digvijay Singh: Thanked Berlin for "taking note of how democracy is being compromised in India". My Thought: "We don't crutches to walk ahead. We don't need endorsements from abroad." Sibal in the same tweet further said: " Our fight is ours and in that, we are together." Sibal also runs a non-electoral platform called 'Insaaf', which is aimed at fighting and raising voices against the injustice being perpetuated in the country against anyone. After Sibal's tweet, the BJP intensified its attack on the Congress on Friday. Union law minister and senior BJP leader **Kiren Rijiju** launching a fresh attack on Digvijaya Singh referred to the Emergency, saying democracy was "truly murdered" in 1975 by the Congress with the imposition of Emergency.

The Congress too distanced itself from Digvijaya's tweet tagging the German foreign affairs ministry's spokesperson's statement.

On Thursday, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, without taking the name of Digvijaya Singh, said through his official Twitter handle that India firmly believes that India's democratic processes themselves have to deal with the threats posed to our democracy.

Russia's new foreign policy says India a privileged, strategic ally

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

UNVEILING its new concept of foreign policy, Russia announced on Friday it will continue to build a "particularly privileged strategic partnership with India".

The 42-page document on the new foreign policy sets out changes to Russia's view of the world, particularly its increasing confrontational relationship with the West.

"Russia will continue to build up a particularly privileged strategic partnership with India with a view to enhance and expand cooperation in all areas on a mutually beneficial basis and place special emphasis on increasing the volume of bilateral trade, strengthening investment and technological ties, and ensuring their resistance to destructive actions of unfriendly states and their alliances," the foreign policy, approved by President **Vladimir Putin,** said.

Russia has constantly supported India in G20 and SCO and has also spoken about continued enhancement of bilateral trade in the defence and the oil sector. Recently, Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak had said that Russia had increased its oil exports to India by a massive 2,200 per cent since sanctions. India has increased oil imports from Russia 22 times as it gets a good discount and continued supplies.

"In order to help adapt the world order to the realities of a multi-polar world, Russia intends to make it one of priorities to enhance the capacity and international role of the interstate association of BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the RIC (Russia, India, China) and other interstate associations and international organizations, as well as mechanisms with strong Russian participation," the policy said.

Russia said its foreign policy is independent and driven by its national interests and the awareness of its special responsibility for maintaining peace and security at the global and regional levels. "Russian foreign policy is peaceful, open, predictable, consistent, and pragmatic and is based on the respect for universally recognized principles and norms of international law and the desire for equitable international cooperation in order to solve common problems and promote common interests," the document said.

Russia also said it places special emphasis on increasing the volume of bilateral trade with India, strengthening investment and technological ties, and ensuring resistance to destructive actions of "unfriendly states and their alliances. Russia also described India and China as "friendly sovereign global centres of power."

Policy driven by its national interests

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PARLIAMENTARY TIES

Amir Ohana, Speaker of the Knesset (Parliament) of Israel, and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla signed a memorandum of understanding for strengthening parliamentary cooperation between the two countries in Parliament House on Friday | EXPRESS

Over 40% villages in India declared open defecation-free

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THERE was a five-fold increase in open defecation-free (ODF) plus villages in the country last year. It led to the declaration of more than 40 per cent of India's villages declared as ODF plus. The top performing states are southern states including Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. ODF plus village is defined as "a village which sustains its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, ensures solid and liquid waste management and is visually clean. The Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced the achievement of a fivefold increase in ODF Plus villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen, Phase – II.

"In one year, with more than 40 per cent of India's inhabited villages having declared themselves ODF Plus" said Shekhawat. According to data given by the minister, ODF Plus villages increased from 46,121 villages (7.4 per cent) in March 2022 to 2,38,973 villages (40.21 per cent) in March 2023. "Out of these 2,38,973 ODF Plus villages, 1,60,709 are in the ODF Plus Aspiring category, 27,409 in the ODF Plus Rising category and 50,855 are in the ODF Plus Model category", says Shekhawat. The top performing States were Telangana with (100 per cent) followed by Tamil Nadu (95.7 per cent) and Karnataka (93.7 per cnet) ODF plus villages.

Fake news must be fought robustly with trustable news, says Thakur

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

TERMING 'malicious and weaponised disinformation' a matter of great concern for governments across the globe, Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting **Anurag Thakur** on Friday said that 'fake news' is a 'virulent virus', which should be countered with 'trustable news'.

Speaking at the valedictory ceremony for Indian Information Service (IIS) officer trainees at Indian Institution of Mass Communications (IIMC), he said that the alarming rise of malicious disinformation dissemination, which is a global phenomenon, is greatly facilitated by the advent of social media platforms.

"It is of great concern, not only for us but governments around the world, how malicious disinformation often seeks to intervene and influence the political process... Fake News, the other virulent virus of our times, can be, should be, and must be fought robustly with Trustable News," said the minister.

He added that IIS officers are the frontline defenders of the country's official information system that protects India's interests and shields its democratic structure. "It would be your job to think out of the box, cut the clutter and relentlessly push the facts. There should be no compromise on this simple necessity for an official information system. Prompt, precise and perfect – that is the threefold target you have to set for yourselves," said the minister. Thakur further stated that the primary task of the officers would be to fuel an informed understanding of issues so that public discourse is well-informed.

Highlighting the menace of this 'infodemic' further, Thakur said that while democratisation of public spaces offered by tech platforms has no doubt had a positive impact and allows a bottom-up participation in popular debate and discourse. "At the same time malicious, weaponised disinformation, whether internal or external, has worked against the positive gains of this democratisation of public spaces," said the minister.

Only 30K girls enrol in 2 yrs, Vigyan Jyoti programme yet to pick up pace

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

THE highly ambitious initiative of Science and Technology Ministry – the Vigyan Jyoti program –has barely managed to pick u pace with only 30,451 girl students of Class-9-12 level inclining towards STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)for higher studies.

Launched in 2020 by Department of Science and Technology, the Vigyan Jyoti programme is aimed at encouraging meritorious girl students of Class 9-12 to pursue higher education and career in STEM particularly in the areas where gender parity is wider.

According to a written statement by union minister of state (Independent charge) for the ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh, the third phase of Vigyan Jyoti program is in implementation in 200 districts across the country.

In the first and the second phases of this programme, 150 districts were covered and 12,369 girls of Class 9-12 levels were encouraged towards choosing STEM subjects for higher education and employment.

According to an official data, only 30,451 girls have so far been encouraged through various interventions under the Vigyan Jyoti scheme since the inception in 2019-20.

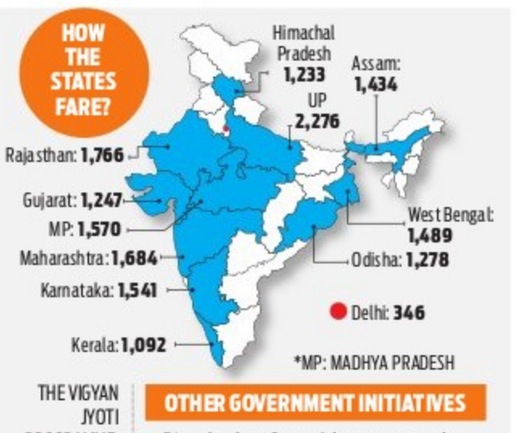
Among other states, BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh has topped with the highest number of 2,276 girls encouraged towards taking interest in STEM under the programme.

Activities like cyber security workshops, PyCode session, codeathon and science quizzes are being organized to make STEM interesting for them including visit s to scientific institutions and industries.

WOMEN IN STEM

Gender equality is the fifth goal among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations.

The Constitution of India also recognizes the principle of gender equality in its Preamble, Fundamental Rights, and the Directive Principles of State Policy.



THE VIGYAN JYOTI PROGRAMME, LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER 2019, SEEKS TO SHARPEN YOUNG GIRLS' INTEREST IN STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS)

OTHER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- Biotechnology Career Advancement and Re-orientation Programme (BioCARE) was launched in 2011 to strengthen biotech entrepreneurial start-up ecosystem including healthcare and medical technology
- Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN) Scheme launched in 2014 to provide professional opportunities to women scientists and technologists and ensure gender parity in the sector

US lawsuit against weed killer may play out in India

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @New Delhi

A law suit filed in the US court against the herbicide' Paraquat dichloride' may soon play out in India as well. Over 3,000 farmers in the US have filed a lawsuit against Paraquat manufacturer Syngenta and its former distributor Chevron. They alleged that the pesticide caused Parkinson disease – a progressing neurological disorder which has no cure. Petitioners also alleged that the companies knew the chemical they used potentially risked the human brain.

Paraquat is used in India too. Experts said they are reminded of the lawsuit against Monsanto's Glyphosate - a weed killer associated with human cancer.

TIMELINE OF PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE

- **1962** Introduced in US market as effective weed killer
- **1972** Registered in India for use on tea, potato, cotton, rubber, rice, wheat, maize, grapes, apple
- **2011** Kerala ordered a ban on Paraquat
- **2015** Varma Committee nod for its continuous use
- **2018** PubChem-published data shows Paraquat as dangerous chemical
- **2019** Doctors in Odisha go on hunger strike seeking ban on chemical
- **2022** Pesticide Action Network came up with detailed study for ban on Paraquat
- **2023** Farmers in the US file a lawsuit against use of Paraquat in farming

A US jury made Monsanto pay $289 million to victims in 2018. The Delhi High Court had directed restricted use of glyphosate. Experts said the Paraquat lawsuit may go towards glyphosate way. Paraquat was termed a 'quite revolution'.

But its health and environmental impact led to ban of Paraquat use in 50 countries, including the EU, the UK. "As per law, Paraquat has been approved for use on 11 crops to control weeds, but itis being illegally used on 23 crops," said Dr Narsimha Garu, a pesticide policy expert with PAN.

"I foresee another environmental and farmers' movement against this toxic herbicide," says Vipin Saini, an independent pesticide consultant.

An email sent to KC Ravi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Syngenta (India) seeking comments remained unanswered till the time of going to press.

"If one mistakenly consumes, there is no medicine or treatment for it," said Rohit Parakh, a natural farming activist.

BRIDGE COLLAPSE

An under-construction bridge collapsed in Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur district but no one was injured, officials said on Friday The bridge ostensibly collapsed a few hours after the shuttering of one of the slabs was removed.

2 HELD FOR CHEATING PEOPLE IN NAVI MUMBAI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	22	Mumbai	34	25
Bhopal	29	18	Panaji	29	23
Jaipur	29	18	Patna	31	20
Amritsar	26	14	Lucknow	28	19
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	30	22	Imphal	25	13
Srinagar	16	07	Chandigarh	24	16

Indore temple tragedy toll rises to 36, probe ordered

CM orders survey of all covered step-wells to prevent such incidents

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A day after the roof of a bavdi (step-well) at Beleshwar Mahadev Jhoolelal Temple collapsed in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, the authorities raised the toll to at least 36 and the number of the injured to 17.

The deceased included 20 women aged between 24 and 84 years, 13 men aged between 26 years and 65 years and three children, including two boys aged two years and eight years and a 13-year-old girl.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday met the injured, including two twin sisters who lost their mother at a private hospital, and then went to the site of Thursday's tragedy. The rescue operations ended after nearly 24 hours, with the retrieval of the body of Sunil Solanki (53) in the afternoon.

After taking stock of the search operation which was being carried out by a team of the Indian Army in association with NDRF and SDERF teams, the CM said, "Directions have been issued to conduct a statewide survey of all such covered bavdis and kuwans (step-wells and wells) to ensure there is no recurrence of such a tragedy."

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Beleshwar Mahadev Jhulelal in Indore on Friday | PTI

A similar exercise, he said, would be conducted across the state to track open bore-wells and those found responsible for it will have to face action.

The CM and his ministerial colleagues, including home minister Narottam Mishra (who is also Indore's guardian minister), and water resources minister Tuli Silawat along with city's mayor Pushyamitra Bhargav, had to face local people's anger when they went to meet the kin of the deceased and others at the community hall of the tragedy-hit residential colony. The angry residents alleged that ambulances arrived late at the temple on Thursday.

A magisterial probe has already been instituted.

Earlier, the Indian Army team from the adjoining cantonment town of Mhow joined the rescue and search operations on Thursday. The search operation which gathered pace after Army stepped in resulted in the retrieval of 22 more bodies, taking the total toll from Thursday's tragedy to 36 untill Friday afternoon.

Sidhu likely to be released from Patiala jail today

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

CRICKETER-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu is likely to be released from the Patiala Central Jail on April 1.

Sidhu is serving time in a road rage case dating back to 1988. The 59-year-old on May 20 last year was jailed following his surrender before a court in Patiala after he was sentenced to one-year rigorous imprisonment by the Supreme Court.

HPS Varma counsel of Sidhu said, "Sidhu is most likely to be released on Saturday from the Patiala jail." As per the Punjab Prison rules, a convict with good behaviour is entitled for general remission, he added.

The SD in its order had said any sympathy in imposing an inadequate sentence would do more harm to the justice system and undermine the public confidence in the efficacy of law. The former Punjab Congress chief and minister will be eligible to walk out from jail tommrow a month and a half before he completes his one-year jail term. A 65-year-old man, named Gurnam Singh, had died in the incident.

Maoists decamp with huge cache of explosives in J'khand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AMID claims made by the government that Maoist incidents have gone down, a squad of the CPI (Maoists) decamped with huge amounts of explosives and detonators from a godown of a private firm that supplies explosives for mining activities in Jharkhand.

The incident took place near Parambaljori village in the jungles of Kolhan under Noamundi police station in West Singhbhum a week after Union Home Minister Amit Shah claimed that the incidents involving Maoist violence have come down by 76%, from the peak in 2010 while the loss of lives has also come down by 78%.

The operation was executed on Thursday, when Ram Navami was celebrated with a great fervour across Jharkhand and the entire police force was busy maintaining law and order.

500 electric detonators stocked

The staff of the private company raided by Maoists said that around 500 electric and 6,500 non-electric detonators were stocked in the godown

The police said a group of around 30 Maoists swooped over the godown around 10 pm and decamped with an unspecified number of explosives and detonators after overpowering the guard deployed there.

"There were two units of the company located around 1.5 km, where private guards were deployed by the company. The Maoists first overpowered the guards and took away whatever stocks were available there," said the SP.

As per the company staff, there were around 500 electric detonators and 6,500 non-electric detonators in the godown, but the exact number could be known only after getting details of the stock register of the company.

"The process of lodging an FIR is on and will be registered after determining the exact number of stocks available there," said the SP.

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Shunted IPS officer returns after 10 months

The bulk transfer of 75 IPS officers in the state recently included the new posting of Siddharth Chaudhary, who was removed as SP-Khargone in the aftermath of the 2022 Ram Navami communal violence in the west MP town. Chaudhary, who was shunted to the post of AIG at state PHQ in May 2022 (a month after the riot which claimed life of a Muslim youth), has returned to a key field posting within 10 months, as he is appointed the police chief of Betul district of central MP. Even in December 2020, while Chaudhary was posted as SP of Mandsaur district, there was communal violence in west MP.

Sacked BJP leader returns to party

It's election time in and political crossovers has begun. Three leaders, joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)during party national president JP Nadda's recent visit to Bhopal. The trio included Uma Bharti-loyalist Pritam Singh Lodhi, who was sacked by the party over anti-Brahmin remarks in August 2022. A few months back, Lodhi had announced creating a third front of OBC-SC-ST and minority against the BJP and Congress, but seemed to have lost steam later. Besides Lodhi, Digvijaya Singh-loyalist and Congress leader Mona Sustani, and former BSP MLA Usha Chowdhary joined the saffron party.

Anand Rai to contest against CM in Budhni

Vyapam scam whistleblower and suspended government medical officer, Dr Anand Rai, who was recently sacked by Shivraj Singh Chouhan government over charges of undue absence from work and painting government schemes in bad light on social media, is now raring to take on CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan from latter's pocket-borough Budhni assembly seat of Sehore district in next assembly polls. "I'm ready to contest against the CM from Budhni, if the entire opposition unitedly fights against him in Budhni," Dr Rai has said. Rai, who is presently associated with tribal outfit JAYS, is exploring possibility of contesting from any of the five seats.

PM to flag off Delhi-Bhopal Vande Bharat Express today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bhopal on Saturday to attend the three-day Joint Commanders Conference. He is scheduled to flag off the Vande-Bharat Express train between Bhopal and New Delhi later in the day at Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Bhopal.

The theme of commanders conference that started on March 30 is 'Ready, Resurgent, Relevant'. Various issues related to joint battlefield preparedness of the armed forces will be discussed in the conference. Progress of the defence ecosystem towards the preparedness of the armed forces and achieving 'self-reliance' will also be reviewed in the conference.

Commanders of the three armed forces and senior officials of the defence ministry will participate in the conference.

The new Vande Bharat Express will run between Bhopal's Rani Kamlapati Railway Station and New Delhi Railway Station. This will be the 11th Vande Bharat Express of the country.

However, a roadshow scheduled to be held to welcome and thank the PM stands cancelled due to Thursday's Indore temple tragedy in which 36 persons died, a BJP functionary said.

IN THE MIDST OF RUINS

A farmer inspects the damage to wheat crop caused by strong winds and rain near Amritsar, Punjab, on Friday | PTI

Cops check deras to trace Amritpal as Akal Takht disagrees with preacher

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Punjab Police expanded its search for fugitive Amritpal Singh as it conducted searches at various deras across the state and other possible hideouts of the radical Sikh preacher.

The police on Thursday arrested another aide of Amritpal, Joga Singh. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) said on Thursday that the convening of a sarbat khalsa (religious congregation) is the sole prerogative of the Akal Takht (highest temporal seat of Sikhs) Jathedar (high priest), after Amritpal Singh had sought such a meet to discuss issues concerning the community.

Sources said that deras in Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur and Kapurthala are being searched besides small rooms set up near tubewells, shelter rooms for animals in several villages and residential premises. Also barricades have been put up at several areas and a thorough search of all vehicles was underway in Hoshiarpur district where some suspects had abandoned their Toyota Innova car in Gurdwara Bhai Chanchal Singh in the village following a chase three days ago.

This search can be expanded further to other districts because of the likely hideouts of the accused. Also security and checking on link roads will be beefed up. Sources in a dera said the police came today and asked for the CCTV footage from them. "There are around 100 small and big deras around the Doaba region of the state," said a police officer.

The radical preacher has been on the run since a police crackdown on his outfit Waris Punjab De on March 18. He has appeared in two purported videos and an audio clip released on social media. Amritpal has asked the Jathedar to call Sarbat Khalsa. He also appealed to the Jathedar to take out a Khalsa Vahir (religious procession) from Akal Takht in Amritsar to the Damdama Sahib in Talwandi Sabu (Bathinda).

Meanwhile the SGPC stated that the convening of a sarbat khalsa is the sole authority of the Jatehdar of Akal Takht.

Priest attacked in Sahnewal, Ludhiana

In an unrelated incident a Sikh priest Sukhchian Singh (32) was attacked on Wednesday night with sharp weapons and his leg was chopped off. The incident happened at Khadoor Sahib of Tarn Taran district. The attackers escaped. Singh is stated to be out of danger.

UP, IIT-M in pact for online teaching

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WHILE Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Council made it mandatory to promote all the students from Class 1-8 of Council schools to next class without examination through a notification, the UP Basic Education department has also signed a contract with IIT-Madras under project 'Vidya Shakti' to teach the students of government smart schools of Varanasi online.

The IIT Madras teachers would commence teaching the students of 100 government smart schools in Varanasi online initially as the pilot project. They will teach mathematics, science and english to the students. The project would fetch jobs to around 100 people, said an official source.

According to official sources, the tie-up is the part of Yogi Adityanath government's efforts to bring UP government schools at par with the convent schools. The state government initiated its efforts by sprucing up the infrastructure of the government schools under Project Kayakalp and now facilities are being arranged to match the standards of smart schools.

"Now we have been able to arrange smart classes in majority of schools," said Basic Education officer Arvind Pathak. Pathak said that the contract with IIT-Madras would facilitate online classes by the IIT faculty for students of class 6-8 studying in Varanasi Government schools.

He said that the classes would be taken after regular school timings. Pathak said that of the 100 schools selected in Varanasi to run the pilot project, 70 had the smart classes. "Rest 30 schools will soon be elevated to the standard of smart schools with the help of IIT-Madras."

Delhi-Dehradun eway, Asia's longest wildlife corridor, may be ready by Oct

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Delhi-Dehradun Economic Expressway, Asia's longest wildlife corridor, is likely to be ready by October this year, according to officials.

The highway once ready will reduce the travel time between Delhi and Dehradun to just two-and-a-half hours from the present six hours.

There are dense forests on both sides of the Expressway and the movement of wildlife continues and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is taking steps to ensure that wildlife is not be disturbed by the noise of traffic on the Expressway.

NHAI has built eight underpasses along the Expressway to ease the movement of wild animals, including tigers and elephants, during the day time. Wild animals present, scared by the traffic, cross the road in the middle of the night when the entire traffic comes to a stop.

A type of fiber sheet is used to build the expressway as a wildlife-friendly step | PTI

PK Maurya, project director, NHAI-Dehradun, told The New Indian Express, "Head lights of vehicles, honking and vehicular noise also disturb the world of wildlife, which NHAI has solved in the form of a noise barrier. It is a type of fiber sheet, which is made of polycarbonate material. It will be installed up to a height of four metres on both sides of the highway.

The specialty of this sheet is that it prevents the noise of vehicles from going out and throws the light inwards at night." "Two elephant corridors of 200 meters each with a height of seven meters are being built from Asharodi to Daat Kali Temple in Dehradun. Meanwhile, elephants will also be able to cross the road seamlessly from this side of the road.

About 50 per cent of the work on the elephant corridor has been completed, said Maurya.

Militancy on wane: 2 encounters in 3 mnths this yr

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

MILITANCY in Kashmir has come down significantly as there were fewer encounters and targeted killings in Kashmir in the first three months of this year compared to the same period in the previous two years.

Only two encounters reported in Kashmir in the first three months of 2023 and there has been no hit-and-run attack on security forces by militants in this period, acording to data.

Of the two encounters, one took place on January 17 in central Kashmir's Budgam district in which two newly recruited local Lashkar militants were killed. In the second encounter on February 28 in Awantipora area in Pulwama, two local TRF militants were killed.

Militants carried out two targeted attacks in the Valley so far this year in which a Kashmiri Pandit bank guard was killed and son of a slain policeman injured. Both the attacks took place in south Kashmir.

An Army man was killed in militancy this year. The jawan was killed in an encounter with militants in Awantipora area of Pulwama on February 28.

In the first three months of 2023, the Army foiled three infiltration bids at Line of Control (LoC) – two at Tangdhar in Kupwara and one at Balakote sector in Poonch. Four militants were killed while foiling the three infiltration bids.

As against two encounters in Kashmir this year, there were 21 encounters between militants and security forces in the Valley the same period last year. In these 21 encounters, 39 militants, a policeman and an Army man were killed.

In the comparable period in 2021, eight encounters took place in which 19 militants and an Army man were killed.

While two targeted attacks by militants in the Valley were r ported in January-March period, 10 targeted attacks were reported in the first three months of last year. Six security men, two sarpanchs, a panch and a civilian were killed by militants.

In 2021, militants carried out seven targeted attacks in Kashmir in which eight security men, two minority community members and a BJP councilor and his father were killed. While the Army foiled three infiltration bids this year, two infiltration bids were foiled during the same period last year while none infiltration bid took place in first three months of 2021. J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has said that security forces have gained upper hand over the militants due to good coordination among them and top militant commanders have been killed in the valley.

ALL QUIET IN VALLEY

January-March 2023

02 ENCOUNTERS
- January 17: in central Kashmir's Budgam district, two newly recruited local Lashkar militants were killed
- February 28: in Awantipora area in Pulwama, two local TRF militants were killed

02 TARGETED ATTACKS
- A Kashmiri Pandit bank guard was killed and son of a slain policeman injured. Both the attacks took place in south Kashmir.

January-March 2022

21 ENCOUNTERS
- A policeman and an army man and 39 militants were killed in encounters between militants and security forces in the Valley

10 TARGETED ATTACKS
Six security men, two sarpanchs, a panch and a civilian were killed by militants

January-March 2021

08 Encounters | **19** militants and an Army man were killed | **07** Targeted Attacks | **07** security men, two minority community members, a BJP councilor, his father were killed

ANDHRA PRADESH TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LIMITED
3rd Floor, R & B Building, MG Road, Vijayawada, AP

APTS Ref. No. : ITC51-15021/1/2023-PROC-APTS, Dt. 01-04-2023

Tender Call Notice issued for Procurement of 10,038 Nos. of Smart TVs for the School Education Department, GoAP (2nd Call).

For further details regarding detailed Tender Notification, specifications and digital certificate pelease visit **https://www.apts.gov.in** and **www.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- **Managing Director, A.P. Technology Services Ltd.**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : E- Tender No.139/2022-23/SE/PHC/CHN

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) WSS to Kuttampuzha Panchayath - package III Providing FHTCs in ward VI,X of Kuttampuzha Panchayath - General Civil Work. EMD : Rs. 500000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 19,518. Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-04-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 0484-2360645

Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in**, **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-2000-2022-23 **Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kochi**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have agreed to purchase from its present owners **(1) Mrs. Yasmin Fatima Aga,** W/o Mr. Syed Shakeel Aga, **(2) Mrs. Shanaz Anjum,** W/o Mr. Vaseem Anjum, **(3) Mrs. Syeeda Amina Humayun,** W/o Mr. Talat Humayun, all daughters of **Late Dr.R.S. Rafiuddin and Late Mrs. Mallika Rafiuddin,** all presently campat 65/10, Millers Road, Bangalorein respect of sale of Immovable property being land with building thereon which is now bearing Corporation No.65/10, Millers Road, Benson town, in Corporation Ward No.91, Pulakeshinagar (PID No.91-96-65/10), Bangalore bounded on the **East by** : Private Common Passage of the layout, **West by :** Idgah and Mosque, **North by** : Property No.67 and **South by** : Property belonging to Late Mrs. Shareen Shariff, measuring East 49 feet, West 31 feet, North 28 feet + 20 feet and South 42 feet 6 inches totally measuring about 1520 Sq.feet.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title or interest by way of sale, exchange, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, maintenance, lien, trust, Hiba, family arrangement/Settlement, encumbrances, agreement holder rights, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, development rights, order/decree/judgement of any court, agreement or otherwise however, claims or intending to oppose purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **TEN DAYS (10)** from the date of publication of notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my clients will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

SYED TANVEER AHMED, Advocate,
No.14, Wellington Street,
Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560025.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

HANUMANTHANAGAR BRANCH
No. 1910, S.O Bengaluru, P.B, 72, 50 Feet Main Road, Sunkenahalli, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560019 .
Phone : 22423582, E-mail : cb0472@canarabank.com

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and/or Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Hanumantha Nagar Branch of Canara Bank.,** will be sold on the basis of "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **05.05.2023,** for recovery of **Rs. 27,72,781.04** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty One and Four Paise only) due to Hanumantha Nagar Branch of Canara Bank from the known/unknown borrower **Shri Nataraj Dixit .K .S and Smt. Poornima Dixit And Shri Manjunath .T Bhat.**

The Reserve price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money deposit (EMD) by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer Canara Bank Hanumanthanagar Branch, Bangalore or through online **(RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer-IFSC Code CNRB0000472)** to the credit of the **account number 209272946,** Canara Bank Hanumantha Nagar Branch, on or before **03.05.2023 by 5.00 pm.** Date & Time of the E-Auction **05.05.2023 from 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M.**

E-Auction Date : 05.05.2023

Descripiton of the immovable Assest	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Incremental Value
Flat No. 2, No. 29, Akkar Apartment, V. S. Raju Road, Palace Guttahalli, K. P. West, BENGALURU-560 020. **Bounded on : North** : Passage, **South :** Flat No. 3, **East :** Private Property, **West :** Drain	**Rs. 37,50,000/-**	**Rs. 3,75,000/-**	**Rs. 10,000/-**

known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges and Maintenance charges etc., and any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale please contact **Assistant General Manager, Hanumantha Nagar Branch, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 22423582, or may contact the service provider M/s. Antares Systems Ltd., Bangalore (Contact No. : 9686196756/9686196755/080-40482000) E-mail : manohar.s@antaressystems.com** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 31.03.2023 Sd/-
Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE,
MASTER CONTROL FACILITY
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
PB#66, HASSAN-573201, India,
Telephone: 08172-273343, Fax: 08172-273953

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Oh behalf of President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode for the following works:

Name of work	**Creation of Rainwater Harvesting Pond and other works at MCF Hassan.**
NIT No	**MCF/CMG/H/eTN-33/2022-23/1-1021 Dtd: 30.03.2023**
Estimated Cost put ot tender	**Rs. 80,77,473.00**
EMD	**Rs. 1,61,549.00**
Period of Completion	**03 Months**
Period during which tender document can be downloaded	From: **31.03.2023 10.00 hrs** To: **10.04.2023 10.30 hrs.**
Period for Bid clarifications	From: **31.03.2023 10.01 hrs** To: **10.04.2023 12.30 hrs.**
Last date & time of reply to Bid clarification	**10.04.2023 15.30 hrs.**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**10.04.2023 17.30 hrs.**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**on 14.04.2023 from 11.30 hrs. Onwards**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website: **www.isro.gov.in.** The bid forms and other details, which can be downloaded from website: **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.** All corrigendums, addendums, clarifications etc., will be uploaded in the tenderwizard portal only and will not be published in newspapers. Bidders may regularly visit the above websites for any updates.

Sd/- Division Head-CCMD-CMG

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

No.48, Magadi Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040

POSSESSION NOTICE [See Rule 8(1) of SARFAESI RULES]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, No.48, Magadi Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors : (1) M/s. Aishwaryagiri Constructions Pvt Ltd., No. 1/4, Unit No. F-2, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, 4th Main, M C Layout, Bengaluru-560040. **(2) G.Jayaramaiah** S/o Giriyappa, No.236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main K.H.B. Colony, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079 **(3) Mr. Shivakumar** S/o Giriyappa No.236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main K.H.B. Colony, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 44,20,50,067.22 Paisa (Rupees Forty Four Crores Twenty Lakhs Fifty Thousand Sixty Seven and Paisa Twenty Two Only) as on **13.12.2022** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Demand Notice Dated : 13.12.2022 **Possession Notice Date: 29.03.2023**

Description of the Immovable Properties :

Property No.(1) : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (land & building) bearing Municipal No.2, PID No. 10-68-2, Ward No. 10, Mahalakshmipuram, Situated at Industrial Workers Layout, Bengaluru earlier BDA Site No. 2, in Industrial Workers Layout, J B Kaval, Bengaluru measuring East to West 60+58/2 and North to South 40 feet in total 2360 Sqft with building and bounded as follows : East by : UAC and BDA Land, West by : Road, North by : Site No.1, South by : Site No.3.

Property No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of the plot No. 25A, Khatha No. 499, Present BBMP Khatha No. 25-A1 carved out of land in Survey No. 38, 48, 49 and 51 Situated at Nallakadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently known as Peenya 2nd phase, Industrial area Bengaluru and within the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP along with 4 Sq RCC building and 8 Sq AC Sheet ground floor with cement flooring, cement and bricks used for construction of wall, steel windows with all civic amenities with 100 HP electricity power and including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto and the plot measuring 33775 Sq.ft bounded as on East by : Remaining portion of Plot No. 25A and thereafter Plot No. 25B and 25C, West by : KIADB Board Road, North by : Plot No. 25D, South by : KIADB Board Road.

Property No.3 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (land & building) bearing Municipal No. 101, New PID NO. 165-W0115-19 (Old PID No. 56-107-101) Yellappa Garden, Katriguppa, Ganesh Mandir, Bengaluru earlier Municipal No. 101 (still earlier House List No. 143, Site No.5) and 100/A carved out of asst. No.17 of Katriguppa village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 55 feet in total 3300 Sqft with building and bounded as follows : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property, South by : Property No.100.

Property No. 4: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being Plot No. 286, Kaneshumari No.305/286, Plot No. 288, Kaneshumari No. 305/288, Plot No. 290, Kaneshumari No. 305/290, Plot No. 291, Kaneshumari No. 305/291, Plot No. 292, Kaneshumari No. 305/292, Plot No. 293, Kaneshumari No. 305/293, Plot No. 294, Kaneshumari No. 305/294, Plot No. 295, Kaneshumari No. 305/295, Plot No. 296, Kaneshumari No. 305/296, Plot No. 297, Kaneshumari No. 305/297, Plot No. 298, Kaneshumari No. 305/298, Plot No. 299, Kaneshumari No. 305/299, Plot No. 300, Kaneshumari No. 305/300, Plot No. 301, Kaneshumari No. 305/301, Plot No. 302, Kaneshumari No. 305/302, Plot No. 303, Kaneshumari No. 305/303, Plot No. 304, Kaneshumari No. 305/304, Plot No. 305, Kaneshumari No. 305/305, Plot No. 306, Kaneshumari No. 305/306, Plot No. 307, Kaneshumari No. 305/307, Plot No. 308, Kaneshumari No. 305/308, Plot No. 309, Kaneshumari No. 305/309, Plot No. 310, Kaneshumari No. 305/310, Plot No. 311, Kaneshumari No. 305/311, Plot No. 312, Kaneshumari No. 305/312, Plot No. 313, Kaneshumari No. 305/313, Plot No. 314, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/314, Plot No. 315, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/315, Plot No. 316, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/316, Plot No. 317, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/317, Plot No. 318, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/318, Plot No. 319, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/319, Plot No. 320, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/320, Plot No. 321, Kaneshumari No. 305/A/321, All situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama Panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist.

Property No. 5 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being Plot No. 38, Kaneshumari No. 300/38, Plot No. 46, Kaneshumari No. 301/46, Plot No. 77, Kaneshumari No. 302/77, Plot No. 82, Kaneshumari No. 302/82, Plot No. 96, Kaneshumari No. 302/96, Plot No. 99, Kaneshumari No. 302/99, Plot No. 108, Kaneshumari No. 302/108, Plot No. 125, Kaneshumari No. 303/125, Plot No. 135, Kaneshumari No. 303/135, Plot No. 147, Kaneshumari No. 303/147, Plot No. 148, Kaneshumari No. 303/148, Plot No. 151, Kaneshumari No. 304/151, Plot No. 176, Kaneshumari No. 304/303/176, Plot No. 185, Kaneshumari No. 304/185, Plot No. 186, Kaneshumari No. 304/186, Plot No. 187, Kaneshumari No. 304/187, Plot No. 191, Kaneshumari No. 304/191, Plot No. 199, Kaneshumari No. 304/199, Plot No. 200, Kaneshumari Ni. 304/200, Plot No. 201, Kaneshumari No. 304/201, Plot No. 202, Kaneshumari No. 304/202, Plot No. 203, Kaneshumari No. 304/203, Plot No. 222, Kaneshumari No. 304/222, Plot No. 223, Kaneshumari No. 304/223, Plot No. 237, Kaneshumari No. 304/237, Plot No. 243, Kaneshumari No. 304.243, Plot No. 255, Kaneshumari No. 304/255, Plot No. 258, Kaneshumari No. 304/258, Plot No. 261, Kaneshumari No. 305/261, Plot No. 262, Kaneshumari No. 305/262, Plot No. 269, Kaneshumari No. 305/269, Plot No. 270, Kaneshumari No. 305/270, Plot No. 284, Kaneshumari No. 305/284, Plot No. 285, Kaneshumari No. 305/285, All situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama Panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist.

Date : 30.03.2023 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr.Shiva T, 2) Mrs. Devi S	Loan Account No. 34019430000113 Loan Amount: Rs.9,68,124/-	**Schedule-II - Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.293, Survey No.107, Khatha No.107/293/69 measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, New Yelahanka Taluk, presently within limits of BBMP and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property No.310, **North by:** Property No.294, **South by:** Property No.292.	**Date of NPA: 03-03-2023 Demand Notice Date: 30-03-2023**	**Rs.10,20,224.00** (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Only) **due as on 27-03-2023**
2	1) Mr. Sadhananda Chari K, 2) Mrs. Madhu S	Loan Account No. 32519440000038 & 45379630000080 Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/- & Rs.2,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.307, Property No.36 and BBMP Katha No.36/306, Situating Under BBMP Limits, Maratahalli Village, Manjunatha Nagar, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and **Bounded by: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Mrs. Papamma, **North by:** Remaining Property of same Survey No. belongs to Mr. Rajachari, **South by:** Remaining Property of same Survey No. belongs to Shrinivasachari. Measuring East to West: 25 Feet, and North to South: 15 Feet. Measuring in total: 375 Sq.ft.	**Date of NPA: 03-03-2023 Demand Notice Date: 30-03-2023**	**Rs.9,45,566.98** (Rupees Nine Lakh Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six and Ninety Eight Paisa Only) in the **Loan Account No. 32519440000038 & Rs.1,76,984.00** (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four Only) **as on 27-03-2023**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 01.04.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

CANARA BANK
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
ARM Branch - II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office,
Spencer Towers, no. 86, MG Road, Bangalore - 560001
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore will be sold on 19.04.2023 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Sl. No	Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Demand Notice and date of Demand Notice	Details and full description of the property	1. Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money deposit [EMD] 3. Property Inspection Date	Date and Time of E-Auction
1	**Mr. Sampath Kumar S/o Shamanna** (Prop. of M/s Maruthi Gas Distributors and M/s Maruthi Enterprises) No.4,Bheemanahalli,Shanumangala Cross, Eagleton Golf Resort Road, Bidadi Post and Hobli Ramanagar Tq and Dist.-562109 **2. Mrs.Shruthi Sampath Kimar W/o Sampath Kumar S** No.4,Bheemanahalli,Shanumangala Cross, Eagleton Golf Resort Road, Bidadi Post and Hobli Ramanagar Tq and Dist-562109	1. 1,30,07,465.89/-(Rupees One crore thirty lakhs seven thousand four hundred sixty five and Paisa eighty nine only) of Maruthi Enterprises including costs and interest as on 23/03/2023 and 2. Rs 2,70,36,365.15 (Rupees Two Crores Seventy lakhs thirty six thousand three hundred sixty five and Paisa fifteen only) of M/s Maruthi Gas Distributors including costs and interest as on 28/02/2023 and 3. Rs 37,61,648.16/-(Rupees Thirty seven lakhs sixty one thousand six hundred forty eight and Paisa sixteen only) of Mr.Sampath kumar including costs and interest as on 27/03/2023 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc	All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing Sy no.21(new no 21/2) measuring 29 guntas of land located at Shanumangala Village,Bidadi hobli, Ramanagaram Tq and Dist bounded on East by Land of Venkataramana Shetty, West by Road to Thopu & Land of Siddaveeraiah, North by Thopu and south by Shanumangala Road	**1. Reserve Price: Rs.202.30 Lakhs 2.EMD: Rs 20,23,000/- 3. Property Inspection Date: 11.04.2023**	Bangalore 19.04.2023 – 11.30 AM to 12.00 PM
2	1. **Mr.Jibi Rathnakara** Chikkatturu Village, No.62, Chikkathur Village, Kudumangalore Post, Kushal Nagar, Kodagu-571232 **2. Mrs.Subitha PT W/o Jibi Rathnakara** No.62,Chikkathur Village, Kudumangalore Post, Kushal Nagar, Kodagu-571232	Rs.1,55,06,082.96/-(Rupees One crore fifty five lakhs six thousand eighty two and Paisa ninety six only) including costs and interest as on 31/03/2023 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc	**Schedule A Property** All that piece and parcel of Immoveable property bearing BBMP Khataha No.460,Sy No.66/2 & 66/7 Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk totally measuring 135794 sqft and bounded on the East by Land acquired by BDA, West by Lands of a Ramakka W/o Subbiah and K V Sri Kantiah, South by Road and North by Road. **Schedule B Property** An undivided 0.69% share equivalent to 933.4 Square Feet in the schedule 'A' property **Schedule C Property (Flat put up for sale)** A 3 Bedroom Apartment bearing no 401 in the Fourth Floor of "A2"Block in the multi storied building known as "AERIS LAKE VIEW" with a super built up area of 2250 square feet(which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas)with two car parking space in stilt floor or basement ,constructed on Schedule "A" Property.	**1.Reserve Price: Rs.86.00 Lakhs 2.EMD: Rs.8,60,000/- 3. Property Inspection Date: 13.04.2023 between 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm,**	Bangalore 19.04.2023 – 11.30 AM to 12.00 PM

Other terms and conditions

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0006298 on or before 17.04.2023 - 5.00 p.m.
e) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 17.04.2023 - 5.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or by email.
i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.
iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr.Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.
h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
i) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.50,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
m Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
p) For further details contact Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9483544116-080-25310181) e-mail id –cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail:eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr.Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/-**
Date : 31.03.2023 **Authorised Officer**
Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp Trust Well Hospital , J.C. Road, Bengaluru -560 002 , Tel:080-25943663 , Fax : 25943664, Email ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. CC 37530471097, TL 38363032461

WHEREAS,The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J C Road, Bangalore under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 02.11.2022 calling upon the Borrower: **Smt.Mangala Rama** W/o Sri.G. Rama Proprietrix: **M/s Swathi Chemicals** and the **Guarantor: Sri.G.Rama** S/o Sri.Govinda Rao, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,16,58,625/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Only) as on 31.10.2022 with future interest from 01.11.2022 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India,Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru has taken possession of the joint property of the Borrower Smt.Mangala Rama W/o Sri.G.Rama and the Guarantor Sri.G.Rama S/o Sri.Govinda described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002on **29.03.2023.**

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.1,24,01,914/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Only) as on 27.03.2023 with future interest at contractual rate from 28.03.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old No.21/B, New No.48, Laxman Mudaliar Street, Civil Station, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051 measuring on the East 8 feet 6 inches, on West 10 feet 9 inches, on North 85 feet and on South 85 feet with Building consisting of Ground, First, Second and Terrace Floor standing in the name of Sri.G.Rama S/o Sri.Govinda and Smt.Mangala W/o Sri.G.Rama and bounded on East by: Govindaswamy's property and Conservancy Lane, West by: Laxman Mudaliar Street, North by: Rajarathnam Naidu's House and South by:V.C.Natesha Mudaliar's House.
2. All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.11, New No. 48/1, Nandarama Singh Lane, Laxmana Mudaliar Street, Civil Station, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051 measuring on the East 40 feet 6 inches, on West 42 feet 3 inches, on North 24 feet and on South 12 feet 6 inches + 4 feet 6 inches + 11 feet 6 inches totally an area of 990 Sq.feet with Building consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor standing in the name of Smt.Mangala Puttani W/o Sri.G. Rama Puttani and bounded on the East by: Krishnoji Rao's property, West by: Purushothaman's property, North by: Kesava Mudaliar's property and South by: Own property.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer& Chief Manager
Date: 29.03.2023 STATE BANK OF INDIA,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIV ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU, (MAYO HALL)
C. MISC No. 50236/2023

PETITIONERS : 1. Sri C. Manjunatha, S/o Late Chikkayallappa Aged about 41 years, **2) Smt. Gowramma,** W/o Late Chikkayallappa aged about 68 years, Both are R/at No. 68, Near Renuka Yallamma Temple, Chikkanayakana halli, Bengaluru-560035.

AND: The Tahasildar, Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above petitioner have filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of deceased, who is the father of the 1st petitioner / husband of the 2nd petitioner by name Chikkayallappa S/o Venkataramanappa was died on 20-08-2011 at their residence due to his old age.

Any persons interested to file their objections in this matter may appear on **19-04-2023** at 11:00 A.M. on to which/ date the case is posted for hearing before the Hon'ble XXXIV Additional Chief Metropolitan at Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 30-03-2023.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, XXXIV ACMM Court Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner: **PRAKASHA .M** No.72, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main, Mahalakshmi Layout, Anantapura, Yelhanka, Bengaluru-560064.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Smt. Gowramma** is the absolute owner of the Schedule property mentioned below. **My client has lost the Possession Certificate dated:21-07-1959 issued by Chairman, Yadiyur Village Panchayath, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** in respect of the schedule property. And the above said Smt. Gowramma lodged online complaint before the Bengaluru City Police on 12-02-2023 and they have issued a acknowledgement under Lost Report No. 0471011/2023. If anybody found the above said original documents kindly return to the undersigned.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.12 (old No. 277), PID No.59-75-12, Ward No.59, situated at Jayanagara 6th Block, A.K.Colony, Bengaluru, (previous property No.3, situated at Yadiyur Village, Harijana Colony, Bengaluru) measuring East to West: 30-0 Feet and North to South: 20-0 Feet and having Mangalore Tiles roofing house and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property No.4 belongs to Muniswamappa, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property No.6 belongs to Motamma.

M.U. SHASHIDHAR, Advocate
No.361/4/11, 1 Main, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-22. Mob:9481060634
Place: Bangalore; Date: 31-03-2023

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Domlur Branch
No.314, 7th Cross,3rd Main Road, Domlur Layout, Bengaluru-560071

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Domlur Branch, Bengaluru** will be sold **"As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 17.04.2023,** for recovery of **Rs 3,83,81,228.74** (Three Cores Eighty Three Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Twen

14 workers died after a gold mine collapsed in northern Sudan, mining authorities said on Friday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	25	12	TDS	Los Angeles	21	10	LC
Colombo	32	24	LC	Melbourne	14	8	HR
Dhaka	27	22	TDS	Moscow	11	6	HR
Dubai	29	23	SNY	New York	21	4	LC
Houston	31	19	SNY	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	19	13	LC	Toronto	12	-6	LC
London	11	6	LC	Washington	24	6	LC

New York grand jury indicts Donald Trump over hush-money payments made to porn star Stormy Daniels in 2016 | Former president set to appear before NY court on Tuesday, potentially faces over 30 counts related to business fraud

INDICTED DON SET TO BE ARRESTED

WASHINGTON

FORMER US president Donald Trump is set to be arraigned on Tuesday after his indictment in New York City, court officials said on Friday. Trump's planned surrender will usher in the unprecedented scenario of a former US commander-in-chief being arrested and arraigned. And it will forever mark the legacy of the former leader, who survived two impeachments.

The exact nature of the charges was unclear on Friday because the indictment remained under seal.

But the indictment, announced on Thursday, came after a grand jury probe into hush money paid during the 2016 presidential campaign to squelch allegations of an extramarital sexual encounter.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing and denounced the investigation as a "scam," a "persecution," an injustice and a political low blow aimed at damaging his 2024 presidential run. He is a Republican; the district attorney who oversaw the inquiry, Alvin Bragg, is a Democrat.

No ex-president has ever been charged with a crime before, so there's no rulebook for booking one.

Trump has Secret Service protection, so agents would need to be by his side at all times.

Surrendering for arraignment over what *CNN* has reported could be as many as 30 counts related to business fraud would normally involve being fingerprinted and photographed, and potentially handcuffed.

Indeed, Trump was asked to surrender on Friday, but his lawyers said the Secret Service needed more time to make security preparations, two people familiar with the matter told *AP*.

Bragg's office said on Thursday it had contacted Trump's lawyer to coordinate a surrender. Ahead of the court's announcement of the arraignment date, Trump's attorney, Joseph Tacopina, said that Tuesday was the likely date for Trump to turn himself in.

The New York investigation is the first to reach a decision on charges out of three major probes into the former president.

The investigation dug into six-figure payments made to porn actor Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal.

Both claim to have had sexual encounters with the married Trump years before he got into politics; he denies having sexual liaisons with either woman. *Agencies*

1ST EX-PREZ TO FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES

A LOOK AT WHAT MAY HAPPEN NEXT

LEAST OF DON'S LEGAL TROUBLES

Hush money case is the least of Trump's legal woes. Here are other cases that could bring more serious charges:

- Role in 2021 Capitol insurrection
- His retention of top secret documents

THE MANHATTAN DA PROSECUTING TRUMP

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg became the first prosecutor in US history to charge a former or sitting president. Born in Harlem in 1973, Bragg has said his experiences of aggressive policing by the NYPD in the 1980s shaped his support for restorative justice

WHAT NEXT?

Arraignment: A defendant is presented with the charges facing them

Preliminary hearings: If he pleads 'not guilty', there will be a series of hearings to set date for trial and decide on witnesses and evidence

NO HANDCUFFS

Trump will have his fingerprints and mug shot taken. But his lawyer said the former president will not be handcuffed for Tuesday's court appearance

NO BAR ON CONTESTING ELECTION

1. US Constitution does not require that the president be free from indictment, conviction or prison, it follows that a person under indictment or in prison may run for the office and may even serve as president
2. But it's also lawyer's language to describe a more direct impediment to the president's ability to govern: He might be in jail
3. Can he govern from jail? Theoretically, yes. Nothing in the Constitution bars a president from performing his functions while in physical confinement
4. But practically, it's almost impossible. President's core functions require meetings, communications or consultations with the military, foreign leaders and government officials in the US and abroad in ways that cannot be performed while imprisoned

Trump shocked, but ready to fight: lawyer

Donald Trump was initially "shocked" at the indictment, his attorney said, but "he's now in the posture that he's ready to fight this." The former president who survived two impeachments while in the White House wrote on his social media platform Truth Social: "They only brought this Fake, Corrupt, and Disgraceful Charge against me because I stand with the American People, and they know that I cannot get a fair trial in New York!"

Jail sentence unlikely, says federal attorney

Former US president Donald Trump is unlikely to spend a single day in jail over the hush money paid to porn star Stormy Daniels, federal defence attorney Ronald Chapman II told the BBC. "My guess is that Donald Trump is unlikely to spend a day in jail," he said. "Typically, people with those low-level felonies would receive a probation-type sentence, a fine. And given that the conduct isn't particularly egregious in this case, I don't believe that he would see the inside of a jail cell at all"

UNDECLARED CAMPAIGN GIFT

Prior to the 2016 election, intense behind-the-scenes negotiations occurred to prevent the leak of an embarrassing revelation that Trump had a relationship with Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, in 2006—a year after he married his current wife

Late in the campaign, Trump lawyer Michael Cohen arranged a payment of $1,30,000 to Daniels in exchange for her pledge of confidentiality

Cohen cooperated with prosecutors and pleaded guilty in 2018 to charges of tax and bank fraud, as well as violating federal campaign financing laws

Cohen testified that the Trump Organization reimbursed him for his payment to Daniels, which prosecutors said amounted to an undeclared campaign gift in violation of election financing laws

GOP allies, rivals rally behind Trump

WASHINGTON

TOP Republican allies of Donald Trump on Thursday denounced his indictment as a politically motivated attempt to derail his 2024 bid for White House.

Kevin McCarthy, the top Republican in the House of Representatives and second in line to the presidency, and others lashed out at Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, a Democrat, who pushed the criminal inquiry against Trump.

"Bragg has irreparably damaged our country in an attempt to interfere in our Presidential election," McCarthy said. "He weaponised our sacred system of justice against President Donald Trump.

"The American people will not tolerate this injustice, and the House of Representatives will hold Alvin Bragg and his unprecedented abuse of power to account," McCarthy said.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, seen as Trump's main potential rival for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, called the indictment "un-American."

"The weaponisation of the legal system to advance a political agenda turns the rule of law on its head," DeSantis said. He accused Bragg of "stretching the law to target a political opponent."

Trump's adversaries have long called for him to face criminal charges but some fear the first-ever prosecution of a former US president could be a loser that undermines more consequential cases.

Detractors worry that if Trump were cleared in a campaign-finance case similar to the prosecution that Democrat John Edwards defeated in 2012, it could make it easier to cast any future indictment as a "witch hunt."

The charges will also likely juice turnout among Trump's base, say analysts, catapulting him to victory in the nomination race. *Agencies*

Protesters gather outside Trump Tower on Friday | AP

Golden eggs in Lanka! 1st stock from India sells at Rs 35

COLOMBO

THE first stock of eggs imported from India by Sri Lanka was distributed to the crisis-hit island country's market, with one egg costing Rs 35 to the bakery owners, a media report said on Friday.

Sri Lanka imported two million eggs from India to ensure food security, Trade and Food Safety Minister Nalin Fernando said last week.

The decision to import eggs was based on a decision by a cabinet committee to ensure food security for the citizens, Fernando said on March 23.

This stock of eggs imported by Sri Lanka's State Trading (General) Corporation was distributed among bakery owners on Thursday, the *Daily News* reported.

All-Ceylon Bakery Owners' Association President N.K. Jayawardena said that one million eggs were given to bakery owners at Rs 35 per egg.

He said that this stock of eggs imported from India had been brought to Sri Lanka subject to approvals of all relevant government institutions.

The date of manufacture of the eggs distributed among bakery owners was mentioned as March 18, 2023 and the date of expiry was June 15, 2023.

All-Ceylon Bakery Owners' Association President said that now egg producers in Sri Lanka should begin marketing eggs at competitive prices, adding that in the future, eggs will be imported for bakeries, hotels, and restaurants.

He said, accordingly, it would be possible to reduce the price of bakery products in the future. Jayawardena also thanked Trade and Food Safety Minister Fernando and other officials for taking this action on behalf of consumers.

Sri Lanka was hit by an unprecedented financial crisis in 2022, the worst since its independence from Britain in 1948, due to a severe paucity of foreign exchange reserves. *PTI*

'Beijing action along India & China border provocative'

WASHINGTON

SOME of the steps being taken by Beijing along the India-China border has been "provocative," a top White House official has said while reaffirming that the US is "destined" to work more closely with India.

Kurt Campbell, the Deputy Assistant to the US President and Coordinator for the Indo-Pacific, told the think tank—Centre for a New American Security (CNAS) on Thursday that India is not an ally of the US and will never be so.

"But it does not mean that we will not be close partners and share many things. That's how we need to understand the role that India will play as a great nation on the global stage. We want to encourage that and support that and deepen this relationship, which is already very strong, probably the strongest people-to-people relationship of any country that the US has on the global stage," Campbell said. He told the think tank, "Some of the steps that China has taken along this vast 5,000-mile border had been provocative and deeply concerning to Indian partners and friends."

CNAS in a report said that the India-China border intrusions and clashes have become more frequent and threaten to lead to all-out conflict.

The think-tank's report has made several recommendations to help deter and respond to further Chinese aggression along the border with India.

Prominent among them include that the US should offer India the sophisticated military technology it requires to defend its borders and initiate the co-production and co-development of military equipment and assist India in strengthening its maritime as well as naval capacity. *PTI*

UK agrees to join Pacific trade pact in post-Brexit deal

THE UK HAS AGREED TO JOIN AN ASIA-PACIFIC TRADE PACT THAT INCLUDES JAPAN, MEXICO AND AUSTRALIA—THE BIGGEST NEW TRADE DEAL BRITAIN HAS STRUCK SINCE LEAVING THE EU THREE YEARS AGO

two years of negotiations

The British government said on Friday that it had clinched an agreement after almost two years of negotiations to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, or CPTPP

Joining the CPTPP trade bloc puts the UK at the centre of a dynamic and growing group of Pacific economies, as the first new nation and first European country to join

Rishi Sunak. UK Prime Minister

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

It will boost the UK economy by $2.2 billion over the long term, Downing Street said, citing estimates

More than 99% of UK goods exported to member countries will now be eligible for zero tariffs, including key British exports such as cars, chocolate, machinery and whisky

The UK's dominant services industry will also benefit from reduced red tape and greater access to growing Pacific markets with an appetite for high-quality UK products and services

CPTPP MEMBERS

Members of the CPTPP are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam

Volodymyr Zelenskyy and others attend a commemorative event in Bucha | AP

Ukraine marks grim Bucha anniversary, calls for justice

BUCHA

Ukrainians marked the anniversary on Friday of the liberation of Bucha with calls for remembrance and justice after a brutal Russian occupation.

"We will not let it be forgotten," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said at a formal ceremony in Bucha, vowing to punish those who committed outrages there. "Human dignity will not let it be forgotten. On the streets of Bucha, the world has seen Russian evil. Evil unmasked."

At the official commemoration in Bucha, Zelenskyy was joined by the president of Moldova as well as the prime ministers of Croatia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Zelenskyy handed out medals to soldiers, police officers, doctors, teachers and emergency workers in Bucha, and to the families of two soldiers killed during the defence of Kyiv.

"Ukrainian people, you have stopped the biggest anti-human force of our times," he said. "You have stopped the force which has no respect and wants to destroy everything that gives meaning to human life." More than 1,400 civilian deaths, including 37 children, were documented in the Bucha district by Ukrainian authorities, Zelenskyy said. More than 175 people were found in mass graves and alleged torture chambers, he said. Ukraine and other countries, including the US, have demanded that Russia answer for war crimes.

Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin alleged on Friday that many of the dead civilians were tortured. Almost 100 Russian soldiers are suspected of war crimes, he said. *AP*

DESPERATE ACT

SUBSIDIES, INCREMENT IN JAPAN'S PLAN TO LIFT BIRTHRATE

TOKYO

A Japanese Cabinet minister in charge of tackling the country's declining birthrate unveiled a draft proposal on Friday aimed at reversing the downtrend, including increased subsidies for childrearing and education and a salary increase for workers to incentivise marrying and having kids.

Japan's population of more than 125 million has been declining for 15 years and is projected to fall to 86.7 million by 2060. A shrinking and aging population has huge implications for the economy and for national security.

Children's Policies Minister Masanobu Ogura said the next few years are possibly "a last chance" for Japan to reverse its declining births. If the number of births keeps falling at the rate since the beginning of 2000, the young population will shrink at twice the current pace in the 2030s, he said.

Many younger Japanese have balked at marrying or having families, discouraged by the bleak job prospects, corporate cultures incompatible with having both parents—but especially women—work, and the lack of public tolerance for small children.

To address the problems, Ogura's plan proposes increased financial assistance, including more government subsidies for childrearing, more generous student loans for higher education and greater access to childcare services.

It also aims to change the cultural mindset toward more gender equality both at work and at home. The proposal also includes increased government assistance to firms to encourage more of male staff to take paternity leave, which has been a point of contention for working fathers fearing retaliation.

Ogura said he submitted the proposal to PM Fumio Kishida for further consideration. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Court denies ex-PM's request for review

Malaysia's top court refused on Friday to review its 2022 decision to uphold former PM Najib Razak's conviction for graft and 12-year jail sentence, saying he was "the author of his own misfortune." Four of five judges said they found "no failure of justice." Federal Court rejected his final appeal in a case linked to the looting of state investment fund

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender No. A_CLASS_SURGEPROTECTION

Name of Work: PROVISION OF 'A' CLASS SURGE PROTECTION (93 NOs.) IN DIFFERENT STATIONS FOR TELECOM EQUIPMENTS OVER WALTAIR DIVISION. STATIONS: 1.GOTLAM, 2. GARUDUBILLI, 3. GAJAPATINAGARAM, 4. KOMATIPALLI, 5. DONKINAVALASA, 6. BOBBILI JUNCTION, 7.SITANAGARAM, 8.PARVATIPURAM, 9.GUMADA 10. KUNERU, 11. JIMIDIPETA, 12. LADDA, 13.RAYAGADA, 14.SINGAPUR ROAD JUNCTION, 15.MALLIVIDU, 16. L.KOTA, 17.SHRUNGAVARAPUKOTA, 18. BODDAVARA, 19. SHIVALINGAPURAM, 20. TYADA, 21.CHIMIDIPALLI, 22.BORRA GUHALU, 23.KARAKAVALASA, 24. SHIMILIGUDA, 25.ARAKU, 26.GORAPUR, 27.DARLIPUT, 28.PADUA, 29.BHEJA, 30. MACHUKONDA ROAD, 31. PALIBA, 32. SUKU, 33. MANABAR, 34. JARATI, 35. MALIGURA, 36. CHATTRIPUT, 37. JEYPORE, 38. DHANAPUR, 39.KHADAPA, 40. CHARAMULAKUSIMI, 41.KOTPAR ROAD, 42.AMBAGAON, 43.AMAGURA, 44. NAKTISEMERA, 45. KUMHARMARENGA, 46.TOKOPAL, 47.BODEARAPUR, 48. DILMILI, 49.SILAKJHORI, 50. KUMARSODRA, 51. KAKLUR, 52. KAWARAGAON, 53. DABPAL, 54. GIDAM, 55.DANTEWARA, 56.KAMALUR, 57. BHANSI, 58.BACHELI, 59.KIRANDUL, 60. DUMMURIPUT, 61.DAMANJODI, 62. BAIGUDA, 63.KAKIRIGUMMA, 64. LAXMIPUR ROAD, 65.SINGARAM, 66. TIKIRI, 67.RAULI, 68.LELLIGUMMA, 69. BHALUMASKA, 70.SIKARPAI, 71. KEUTIGUDA, 72. VISAKHAPATNAM, 73. GOPALAPATNAM, 74. SIMHACHALAM, 75. PENDURTI, 76. KOTTAVALASA JUNCTION, 77. KANTAKAPALLI, 78.ALAMANDA, 79. KORUKONDA, 80. VIZIANAGARAM JUNCTION, 81. NELLIMARLA, 82. GARIVIDI, 83.CHIPURUPALLI, 84.SIGADAM, 85. PONDURU, 86.DUSI, 87.SRIKAKULAM, 88. URLAM, 89.TILARU, 90.KOTABOMMALLI, 91.NAUPADA JUNCTION, 92.PUNDI, 93. DUVVADA.

Advertised Value: ₹2,21,73,432/-, EMD: ₹2,60,900/- Completion Period of the work: 12 Months.

Bidding Start Date: 04.04.2023, Date & time of Tender Closing: 18.04.2023, 1500 hrs.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Complete information including e-Tender documents of the above e-Tenders is available in website http://www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer(Telecom)/ Waltair

PR-1125/N/22-23

Government of Odisha
Sports & Youth Services Department
Expression of Interest (EoI)

TT: Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha invites responses from leading Operators to the "Expression of Interest for operation and Management of Sports Accommodation Facility at Rourkela" in accordance with the conditions and manner prescribed in the EoI document. The details of the document are available at the Department website **https://department.sportsodisha.gov.in/**

Interested firms/ parties/ agencies are advised to study the EoI document carefully before submitting their documents.

Important Dates and Information:

Date of Issue - 31.03.2023

Last Date for submission of written/online queries for clarification - Queries shall be sent on tender.sportsdepartment@gmail.com by 08.04.2023

Date of Pre-Proposal Meeting - 13.04.2023 up to 04:00 PM

Last date and Time of submission of Proposal - 20.04.2023 at 3:00 PM

Opening of the Expression of Interest - 20.04.2023 at 4.00 PM

Sd/- Commissioner-cum-Secretary

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
1031.43 ▲	Sensex	58,991.52	₹330 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹60,150	₹700 ▲	Per kg	₹74,000	▲	Dollar	82.10
279.05 ▲	Nifty	17,359.75	₹300 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹55,150	₹7.0 ▲	Per gm	₹740	▼	Euro	89.36

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WHAT CHANGE FROM APRIL 1

A NEW TAX REGIME AND NEW TAX SLABS

The new income tax regime will become default tax regime. However, taxpayers will have option to choose old regime

The new income tax slabs come into effect from April 1

Individuals going for new income tax regime and having income up to ₹7 lakh will not pay any taxes

DEBT MUTUAL FUNDS TO LOSE TAX ADVANTAGE

Investments in debt mutual funds, with less than 35% investment in equity shares, will be taxed as per relevant tax slab

Tax exemption up to ₹25 lakh on leave encashment

Tax exemption limit on leave encashment on retirement of non-government salaried employees to be raised to ₹25 lakh from ₹3 lakh

End of special FD schemes of banks

Many banks, including SBI, HDFC Bank, IDBI Bank, Indian Bank were offering special FDs with higher interest rates for senior citizens. Banks will end such FDs on March 31

Higher interest on small savings

Government has hiked interest rates of small savings schemes by up to 70 bps for April-June 2023 quarter

TDS on online gaming

Tax deducted at source (TDS) on online gaming applications will be effective from today

Tax on insurance

If the premium paid by an individual for a savings life policy (excluding ULIPS) is more than `5 lakh, then the income from policy on maturity will be taxed

New FTP targets $2 tn exports by '30

Policy focuses on e-commerce exports, merchanting trade reforms, rupee as global currency

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INDIA finally has a new foreign trade policy three years after the last FTP expired. The new policy that kicks in from April 1, 2023, moves away from the erstwhile five-year cycle to have a more 'dynamic' approach to policy making.

With the goal of achieving $2 trillion exports by 2030, the trade policy focuses on key areas like e-commerce exports, merchanting trade reforms and district level engagement with stakeholders. Unveiling the new trade policy, Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal expressed confidence that the new trade policy will help in achieving the goal of $2 trillion exports by 2030. The government has set a goal of achieving $1 trillion exports each in goods and services by 2030. The minister also expressed his satisfaction that Indian exports have been able to exceed the $750 billion goal in 2022-23. "We may even touch $770 billion in FY23," said the minister.

One of the focus areas of the new trade policy is to work towards making the Indian rupee a global currency and facilitating international trade in Indian currency. The benefits of the new trade policy will be extended to rupee realization through special Vostro accounts. It aims to make India an e-commerce exports hub through a slew of measures to streamline processes and improve ease of doing business. The FTP announces increasing the value limit for export through courier from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh. The commerce ministry officials say, if needed, the limit will be completely removed. The FTP also envisages notifying designated hubs with warehousing facilities to help e-commerce aggregators for easy stocking, customs clearance and return processing.

With these measures the government believes that e-commerce exports, which is at meager $7.7.5 billion, will reach $200-300 billion by 2030.

The new policy unveils merchanting trade reforms making it easier for Indian intermediaries to ship goods from one foreign country to another without touching Indian ports.

The policy announces ₹56,027 crore amnesty scheme for payment of accumulated arrears under various export incentive schemes between 2009-14. Then there are other measures like continuation of advance authorisations and EPCG ((Export Promotion Capital Goods), reduction in fee for MSMEs under EPCG, reduction in threshold for star houses, etc. Unveiling the policy, commerce secretary Sunil Barthwal said the new policy has decided to do away with the sunset clause of five years, and that there is no end date to the policy.

KEY POINTS

- FTP does away with 5-year sunset clause; policy to be revised as and when required
- The new policy outlines measures and steps to achieve the goal of $2 trillion exports by 2030
- The new policy to work towards making rupee an international currency and facilitate rupee trade
- It eyes e-commerce exports of $200-300 billion by 2030 from the existing $7.7.5billion currently
- FTP makes it easier for Indian intermediaries to ship goods from one foreign country to another without touching Indian ports
- Identifying 75-100 districts to be developed as export hubs
- MSME application fee reduced for Advance Authorization and EPCG scheme
- Exports performance threshold for recognition of exporters as star status holders reduced by up to 60%

DOWNTREND

Core sector growth slows down to 6% in February

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDICATING weakening momentum in the economic activities, core sector industries' growth in February 2023 moderated to 6% from a seven-month high of 8.9% in January.

Six out of the eight sectors saw the growth slowing down in February vis-à-vis previous month. Only fertilizer and cement production grew at a higher rate in February when compared to January.

Coal production grew year-on-year at 8.5%, a four-month low. Natural gas output grew at 3.2%, refinery products at 3.3%, steel at 6.9% and electricity at 7.6%. Crude oil production contracted by 4.9% during the month against 1.1% contraction in the previous month.

In FY23 till February, the core sector industry has grown at 7.8% compared to 11.1% in the same period in the previous year. In 2021-22, the overall core sector recorded a growth of 10.4%, which is unlikely to be repeated in 2022-23.

Experts say with unseasonal rain, the core sector growth will be subdued in March as well. "Though the capex by states and union government would continue to witness a strong growth, the spell of unseasonal rains could weigh on the cement & steel sector in March 2023. The output of the coal sector is also expected to be affected by the unusual rains in the same period," says Dr Sunil Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings and Research.

Centre's fiscal deficit at 83% of FY23 target

Central government's fiscal deficit in April-February 2023 period touched 82.8% of the full year target of ₹17.6 lakh crore. Last year, during the same period fiscal deficit had hit 82.7%. In this period, the government's gross tax collection has been ₹25.5 lakh crore against the revised full year target of ₹30.5 lakh crore. The year-on-year gross tax collection during the period has grown by 12%.

Q3 current account deficit narrows to 2.2% of GDP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

INDIA'S current account deficit, a key indicator of the country's external sector, declined to $18.2 billion or 2.2% of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the December quarter of the current fiscal.

The decline was mainly due to narrowing of merchandise trade deficit, according to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday. Country's foreign exchange reserves rose $5.98 billion to $578.78 billion as of March 24.

The current account deficit (CAD) was $30.9 billion or 3.7% of the GDP in the second quarter of 2022-23 and at $22.2 billion or 2.7% of the GDP in the December quarter of 2021-22. "Underlying the lower current account deficit in Q3:2022-23 was a narrowing of merchandise trade deficit to $72.7 billion from $78.3 billion in Q2:2022-23, coupled with robust services and private transfer receipts," RBI said.

Services exports reported a growth of 24.5 per cent on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis on the back of rising exports of software, business and travel services. Net services receipts increased both sequentially and on a year-on-year basis.

In the December quarter, net foreign direct investment decreased to $2.1 billion from $4.6 billion in the year-ago period.

Net foreign portfolio investment recorded inflows of $4.6 billion in the December quarter as against an outflow of $5.8 billion in the third quarter of 2021-22. RBI said net outgo from the primary income account, mainly reflecting investment income payments, increased to $12.7 billion from $11.5 billion in the year-ago period.

Private transfer receipts, mainly representing remittances by Indians employed overseas, amounted to $30.8 billion in the December quarter, an increase of 31.7 per cent from their level a year ago.

India recorded a current account deficit of 2.7% of GDP during April-December 2022 period as against a deficit of 1.1% during April-December 2021 period. Non-resident deposits recorded net inflows of $2.6 billion in the third quarter of the current fiscal as compared to net inflows of $1.3 billion in the year-ago period.

Merchandise trade helps narrow CAD

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ASIANOMICS

PAKISTAN

CHINA ROLLS OVER $2 BN AS LOAN TO PAKISTAN

Pakistan finance minister Ishaq Dar on Friday said the cash-strapped has received a rollover loan of $2 billion from China, a move that will help Islamabad secure the much-required bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The rollover is one of the key requirements for the country meeting its external financing needed for it to ink the staff-level agreement with the IMF. Pakistan is grappling with high external debt and dwindling foreign exchange reserves. The country is scrambling to increase its forex reserves, which are estimated to be at $4.8 billion after China refinanced $500 million a fortnight ago. It has been negotiating with the IMF for the release of a $1.1 billion bailout package since February.

ASIA

RECOVERIES IN ASIAN ECONOMIES LOSING STEAM: WORLD BANK

Developing economies in Asia are seeing their recoveries stall as productivity lags, the World Bank said in a report released on Friday. According to the report, growth in the region including China will pick up pace this year after the world's No. 2 economy relaxed pandemic restrictions on travel and other activities. But recoveries elsewhere in the region outside China will moderate as pressures of inflation and growing household debt slow consumer spending, the report said. Across the Asia-Pacific, economies are expected to grow at a 5.1% annual pace this year, up from 3.5% in 2022.

HONG KONG

RETAIL SALES TO RISE 13% IN 2023

Hong Kong's retail sales are expected to grow 13% to about HK$395b, or about $50.3 billion, in 2023, driven by easing of quarantine restrictions in Mainland China allowing inbound travellers according to a PwC report. Michael Cheng, PwC Asia Pacific, Mainland China and Hong Kong Consumer Market Leader, said tourism will begin a slow recovery with estimated 20 million visitors coming to Hong Kong, which is a third of the peak of 65 million in 2018. Cheng added that this will be underpinned by Hong Kong's plan to give away 500,000 air tickets to reboot tourism. Retail sales in Hong Kong dipped by below 1% in 2022 due to the fifth wave of COVID infections, stricter social distancing measures and weaker purchasing power.

Sensex, Nifty end flat in FY23 as mkt rise on last day

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IN the highly volatile financial year 2023, domestic equity market returns remained flat.

Even as the two benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty- oscillated about 20% during the fiscal, the overall annual movement was minimal.

Sensex ended the year at 58,991, with a gain of just 0.70%. Nifty 50 ended at 17,360, down 0.60% over last fiscal's close. The two major indices had gained about 18% in FY22.

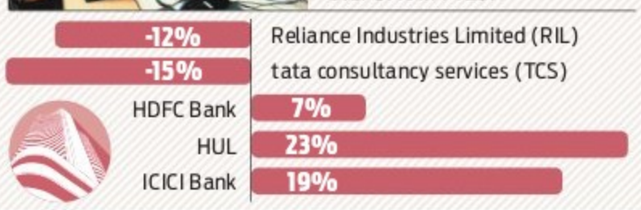
If not for the big rise in the last session of FY23, the two indices would have closed the financial year with a bigger cut. On Friday, Nifty 50 soared over 250 points whereas Sensex rallied over 1,000 points. FY23 was characterised by a constant rise in interest rates by central banks amid high inflation and recession fears. Markets were guided by turmoil caused by the Russia-Ukraine war. At the end of the fiscal, collapse of major banks and concerns about the health of financial institutions, and the ongoing rout in Adani Group stocks weighed heavily on investors' sentiments. Much of this continues to guide global as well as Indian equity market.

During the 52-week period, Sensex hit a low of 50,921 mid-June and touched an all-time high of 63,583 in December. Nifty recorded an all-time high of 18,812 on December 1, and a low of 15,293 on July 17. "FY23 is ending almost flat after forming a high-low range that was lower than that in the previous two years. Despite geo political conflicts, inflation, high interest rates, shrinking risk appetite, FPI outflows, Nifty has ended flat and restricted intra year downsides," said Deepak Jasani, head of retail research, HDFC Securities.

MARKET 2022-23: A SNAPSHOT

ITC Back with a Bang

After being sidelined in the bull run of 2020 and 2021, FMCG giant ITC became a street favourite in FY23. ITC shares rose over 51% in FY23.



Hindenburg break on Adani stocks

Shares of Adani Group plummeted after Hindenburg Research published its scathing report on January 24

Adani Enterprises gave a negative return of 14% in FY23 while Adani Ports shares fell about 20% in the one year period. Adani Total Gas, Adani Green Energy and Adani Transmission fell between 55-60% in FY23.

Invesco cuts valuation of Swiggy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

US-BASED asset management company Invesco has reportedly slashed Swiggy's valuation from $10.7 billion to about $8 billion. Investors are now re-evaluating valuations of various companies. Recently it was reported that Byju's valuation was cut to $11.5 billion by BlackRock from $22 billion.

Meanwhile, Swiggy Instamart's head Karthik Gurumurthy will step down from his role and the food delivery firm's co-founder Phani Kishan Addepalli will take charge of the business. In a LinkedIn post, Gurumurthy said, "I plan to take a sabbatical now to come back afresh and build something, something which I have loved... Live back and play back that memories of 2020 and 2021. Phani Kishan Addepalli is a great leader and our co-founder who will take this to next orbit." "Today its a large business, almost a billion dollar business and am just humbled to see how big the business has grown to..," he said.

Unacademy founders, top deck to take pay cut

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

A day after firing 12% of its workforce or about 380 employees, edtech major Unacademy's leadership team including its founders will take a permanent salary cut.

In an internal memo to employees, Gaurav Munjal, co-founder and CEO, Unacademy Group, said the salary cut will depend on the current salary of the leader, their scope and performance.

"The salary cuts can go up to 25%. These cuts are permanent and the salaries will only be revised in April 2024," he said in the note, reviewed by TNIE.

Unacademy started sharpening its focus on profitability from July last year. Munjal had said that founders and management will take a pay cut and that they will also stop offering complimentary snacks and meals across its offices.

Last year, Munjal in a note to employees said, "Even though we have more than Rs 2,800 crore in the bank, we are not efficient at all. We spend crores on travel for employees and educators. Sometimes it's needed, sometimes it's not. There are a lot of unnecessary expenses that we do. We must cut all these expenses. We have a strong core business. We must turn profitable asap."

The edtech unicorn has conducted four rounds of layoffs so far in the past one year and it has fired over 1,500 employees.

Founded in 2015, the company has raised $878 million so far and according to Tracxn, its annual revenue stood at $103 million in FY22 up from $57 million in FY21. However, its loss stood at $348 million in FY22 from $188 million in the year-ago period. In September last year it acquired GATE Academy and launched 50 YouTube education channels.

State Bank launches coffee table book

The State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest financial institution, on Friday announced the launch of its coffee table book "The Banker to Every Indian', which celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and SBI's glorious 200-year history." The book was unveiled by Dinesh Khara, Chairman of State of of India. *ENS*

IT sector results: Analysts forecast modest revenue growth guidance for FY2024

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT companies are set to announce their Q4 results in the coming weeks and analysts predict Q4FY23 revenue growth will be muted due to macroeconomic challenges apart from the usual March quarter seasonality.

Kotak Securities said they expect Infosys to guide for 5-7% in constant currency. "EBIT margins will likely improve gradually, as balance is in favour of tailwinds. Infosys and TCS, followed by HCL, are better positioned among Tier 1. We bake in a likely cut in BFS tech spending in the near term, slowdown in discretionary spends and greater risks to growth through a 1-2% cut in FY2024-25E revenue growth and fine-tuning of target multiple, leading to 2-6% cut in fair values," it said.

Also, it expects subdued demand outlook on near-term tech spending. Banking crisis in US regional banks and European banks can induce greater caution and impact overall tech spends by banking clients. "The demand outlook of segments such as mortgages, hi-tech, and certain segments of retail and telecom is weak. We expect macro uncertainties to limit near-term demand visibility," it added.

Motilal Oswal said BFSI to drag FY24 growth. "The adverse impact of IT-related spending cuts should primarily be on discretionary spends, while cost optimisation and vendor consolidation related spends should remain the prime focus over the next 3-4 quarters. Though IT spends have remained resilient, rising interest rates and current trouble in the US banking system imply adverse near-term impact for IT spends," it added.

The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

No.73/1, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph: 080-22421998, 26618092, 26618093 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The National Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **16.01.2023** calling upon the borrower **Smt. Mageshwari M** W/o Murugan D, **Sri Murugan D** S/o Dhanapal and **Sri Avinash M** S/o Murugan D all are residing at No.145/1, 3rd Floor, 6th Phase, 7th Main, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.36,10,939/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on 31.12.2022** and further interest from **01.01.2023** and other charges from there on within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower and the co-obligants having failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13 (4) of the Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **30th Day of March, 2023.**

The borrower and the co-obligants in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.36,10,939/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on 31.12.2022** and further interest from **01.01.2023** and other charges from there on.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property along with building bearing No.90 and 91, New Municipal No.93/2, PID No. 25-15-93/2, 2nd Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, BBMP Ward No.25, New Ward No.96, Bengaluru Measuring East to West 39 feet and North to South 26 feet, totally measuring 1,014 Sq. ft., thereon and bounded on : East by : Property belongs to Sri. C Srinivasa, West by : Conservancy & Common bath rooms, North by : 3 feet Common Passage, South by : 3 feet Common Passage.

Date: 30.03.2023
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Op Bank Ltd.,

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALOORU

P & SC No. 197/2021 (CCH-14)

BETWEEN: 1. SHANTHIBAI, W/o Late K. Babulal Jain, Aged about 71 years, Residing At: #14, 14th Cross, Shastri Nagar, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bengalooru-560 028.
2. SARALA, D/o Late K. Babulal Jain, W/o Nandu Lal, Aged about 52 years, Residing At: #2892/1, 14th Cross, 4th Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bidarahalli, Bengalooru-560 070.
3. MANJULA BAI, D/o Late K. Babulal Jain, Aged about 49 years, Residing At: #14, 14th Cross, Shastri Nagar, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bengalooru-560 028.
4. LALITHA BAI, D/o Late K. Babulal Jain, W/o Prasanna Kumar, Aged about 47 years, Residing At: #57, Above Jhankar Sarees, Old Taluk Office Road, Nagarthpet, Bengalooru-560 002.
5. SUNITHA, D/o Late K. Babulal Jain, W/o Rakesh, Aged about 44 years, Residing At: #218, Jain Temple Road, HKP Road, Shivajinagar, Bengalooru-560 051.
6. B. KAVITHA JAIN, D/o Late K. Babulal Jain, W/o Vishal, Aged about 44 years, Residing At: #14, 14th Cross, Shastri Nagar, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bengalooru-560 028. **...PETITIONERS**
-V/S- NIL ...RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of petitioner in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by husband of 1st petitioner and father of other petitioners herein who expired on 07/10/2014.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 17th day of April 2023 at 11.00 A.M.** inform to show cause against the petitioners filing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Shares held under demat account/client ID No. 10410999

Sl. No.	ISIN	ISIN description	Quantity
1	INE674K01013	ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LTD EQ	14
2	INE674001013	ADITY BIRLA FASHION & RETAIL LTD EQ	36
3	INE221G04023	AMRIT BANASPATHI CO LTD 7% PREF 30 DC16	14
4	INE566E01026	AMRIT CORP. LTD EQ NEW FV RS 10/-	14
5	INE731U01010	DIGJAM LTD EQ	231
6	INE047A01021	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD EQ NEW FV RS 2/-	10
7	INE221H01019	GTL INFRASTRUCTURE LTD EQ	50
8	INE043A01012	GTL LTD EQ	50
9	INE537A01013	GTN INDUSTRIES LTD EQ	14
10	INE302H01017	GTN TEXTILES LTD EQ	14
11	INE030A01027	HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LTD EQ FV RS. 1	10
12	INE335C01018	JK PHARACHEM EQ	100
13	INE529I01013	KAUNTAM PAPERS LTD EQ	28
14	INE288A01013	MAH SCOOTERS EQ	368
15	INE273B01013	MARDIA CHEMICALS LTD EQ	100
16	INE401C01018	MID INDIA INDUSTRIES LTD EQ	200
17	INE587B01018	NEPS AGRO FOODS EQ	133
18	INE138A01028	PENINSULA LAND LTD EQ NEW RS.2/-	500
19	INE980A01023	PRESSMAN ADVERTISING LTD EQ	100
20	INE556C01019	PANJAB WOOLCOMBERS LTD EQ	100
21	INE065E01017	SHREE HARI CHEM EQ	200
22	INE629B01024	STEELCO GUJRAJ LTD EQ NEW	10
23	INE192A01025	TATA GLOBAL BEVERAGES LTD EQ NEW F RS.1/-	90

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 15th day of March 2023.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
G.S. Prasanna Kumar, B.R. Ramachandra Reddy, Advocates
M/s. Linc and Co., No. 9, 2nd Main, Srikantan Layout, High Grounds, Bangalore - 560 001.

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(A Government of India Undertaking)

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : 1. Mr. Abisht Vardan M L S/o Lokarajan M S
521,46th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560041
2. M/s Sri. Vani Shelters (Builders)
A Partnership firm Represented by its Managing Partner K Pradeep Kumar S/o Sr. Kurra Jayarami Reddy, Khata No. 26/2, Kembhathaali, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560083

That you, **Mr. Abisht Vardan M L**,(hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower"), **M/s Sri. Vani Shelters represented by Managing Partner K Pradeep Kumar** (hereinafter referred to as "the Builders") has availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our **Koaramangala Branch.**

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **29-03-2023.** The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on **30.03.2023** was not acknowledged by you.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 39,92,961.86 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Ninety Two thousand Nine hundred and Sixty One and paisa Eighty six only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan	Liability with interest as on date 30.03.2023	Rate of Interest
1.	160000093386	Housing Loan	Rs.39,92,961.86	9.5%
2.	164000932614	Canara Home Loan Secure		

Details of Security Assets : Movable : Furnitures and fictures, DF Set.
Immovable : Description of the full land where flat is being constructed. All that part and parcel of the property bearing khata no : 26/2, situated at Kembhathaali, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Anjanapura Ward No : 196, Bangalore City now within limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar palike, Bangalore measuring in all 27,240.09 Sq. feet and bounded on as follows. **Bounded by : East By :** Private property, **West By :** Land belonged to M/s Narya Constructions Pvt. Ltd in Same Sy. No. 26/2, **North By :** Road and **South By :** Road.
DESCRIPTION OF THE APPARTMENT/FLAT WITH UNDIVIDED/PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE LAND.
All the piece and parcel of Flat bearing No A 202 in second floor with 647 sq. feet of UDS with earpet area 1188 Sq. feet as per RERA of 1425 Sq. feet in the building known as " Sri Vani Orchids" along with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor of the building, constructed over the property bearing khata no: 26/2, situated at Kembhathaali, Uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Anjanapura Ward No : 196, Bangalore City now within limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar palike, Bangalore Measuring in all 27,240.09 Sq. Feet, along with the right to use common passage, common areas such as stair case, lobbies, lifts and other common areas.
Name of the Title Holder : 1. Mr. Abisht Vardan M L (Borrower). 2. M/s Sri. Vani Shelters(Builders) A partnership firm Represented by its Managing Partner K Pradeep Kumar.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 31.03.2023

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED

(Internal Audit Wing)

TENDER SPECIFICATION NO.TN RA – 01/2023

JDVVNL invites applications for empanelment to conduct the REVENUE AUDIT upto 31st March, 2023 in 185 Sub- divisions under 11 O&M circles of 10 districts under jurisdiction of Jodhpur Discom through **TN RA-01/2023 (UBN JVV2223A0314)**. Details regarding Tender cost, Bid Security, various Schedule dates of tender are available on our website at **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**.

Raj.Samwad/C/22/17100 — Chief Accounts Officer (Rev.)

बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC33813 Website : www.pspcl.in
Phone No.01881-275289, E-mail: Se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

E-Tender Enq.No. 7398/P-3/EMP-12265 dated: 28.03.23

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No.2023_POWER_100059_1 for Procurement of Special steel sail hard / tiscral or equivalent 6mm carbon steel for flue gas duct for unit #3. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **29.03.23 / 05.00 PM** onwards.

Note: Corrigendum & addendum, If any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

180/RTP-36/23-3/31/2023
76155/12/1518/2022/22650

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer
Koppal District, Koppal
Phone:08539-220844 Fax:221235 E-mail – deo.koppal@gmail.com
No:Rev:Election:31:2022-23 Date:28.03.2023

PRESS NOTE

Tender notification has been called as per the KTPP Act 1999 through e-procurement portal to provide Shamiyana/Pendal and other services to the 05 Assembly Constituencies in the district for General Election to Karnataka State Legislative Assembly 2023.

Interested bidders may submit tender forms through https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

I) Tender Publication date: **31-03-2023.** 2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **03-04-2023. upto 16.00 hrs.** 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **06-04-2023 upto 17.00 hrs.** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **08-04-2023 at 17.30 hrs.** 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **10-04-2023 at 11.00 hrs.** 6) Estimated Tender Value: Rs.**51,50,063/-.** 7) Tender EMD Amount : Rs. **1,29,000/-**

Tender conditions may be verified through https://eproc.karnataka.gov.inportal

Sd/- **Addl. Deputy Commissioner**
Koppal

DIPR/KOPPAL/777/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

Chola CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Enter a better life
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600001.
Branch Address: No.74/22, HV Arcade, 2nd Floor, Sy.No.751/2, Bagalur Road, Hosur–635109.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Under Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described herein below of the Columns on the respective dates mentioned in Column [E] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl. No.	Name And Address of Borrower & Loan A/c No. [B]	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount [D]	Date & Type of Possession [E]
[A] 1	**Loan Account No's: HE01HOR00000010021:- 1. PULLAPPA BABU,** Shop No.1, Janatha Colony, Hosur Road, Opp. D Mart, Bangalore, Karnataka-560099. **2. G.Shashikala, W/o. Pullappa Babu,** Shop No.1, Janatha Colony, Hosur Road, Opp. D-Mart, Bangalore, Karnataka-560099. **3. SRI DEVI CONDIMENTS,** Shop No.1, Janatha Colony, Hosur Road, Opp. D MART, Bangalore, Karnataka-560099.	[C] 08-09-2022	Rs.39,56,321/- as on 08-09-2022 and interest thereon.	[E] 29-03-2023 Symbolic

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property Covered under Regd. Gift Deed Doc. No.6848/2016-17 dated 08.03.2017 of SRO Jigani (Basavanagudi):- All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.149, old Katha No.165, Property No.269/149, presently comes under Bommasandra Janatha colony Ward No.09, Bommasandra Village, attible Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to west : 17 + 19/2 feet North to South: 40 feet totally measuring 720 Sq. Ft., out of 1200 Sq.Ft., (Remaning Portion after acquisitaion by Metro), totally measuring 720 Sq.Ft. along with the commercial Building built in it **and bounded as follows: East by:** House of Gurappa, **West by:** House of Muniyappa, **North by:** Road, **South by:** House of yellappaln the midst above said land.

Date: 01-04-2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

BWSSB II Branch : No. 10, 1st floor, Rajdhoot Complex, Mysuru Bank Circle, Bengaluru-560002, **Phone No. No 080-22215584,.**
e-mail : Cb10446@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : 1. Mr. H M Mohan S/o Maridimmaiah,
2. Mrs. Padma S W/o H M Mohan
Both are at : No. 305, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Solapuradamma Layout, Sunkadkatte, Bangalore - 560091.

That you, **Sri. H M Mohan S/o Mr. Maridimmaiah**(hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") **Smt. Padma W/o H M Mohan** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") have availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our **BWSSB II Branch.**

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **29.11.2022.** The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on **05.12.2022** has returned undelivered.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs.7,31,505.68 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Five and Sixty Eight Paisa only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan No	Nature of Loan	Liability with interest as on date 30-11-2022	Rate of Interest
04467710000098	Housing Loan	Rs.7,31,505.68	(10.2+2%(Penal interes)) = 12.2%

Details of Security Assets : Movable : NIL,
Immovable : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site no. 12, Sy No. 85/3, Khata No. 338, Srigandakaval, Dasarahalli, Banagalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and Bounded on the **East By :** Site No.13, **West By :** Site No. 11, **North By :** Site No. 15 and **South By :** Road. **Name of the Title Holder : H M Mohan.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 20.02.2023

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVII ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C.MISC. No. 1512 / 2023

BETWEEN : 1) Fouzia Sulthana Mohiyuddin W/o. Syed Mohiyuddin, **2) Sayeeda Salma Mohiyuddin** D/o. Syed Mohiyuddin, **3) Sayeeda Sadia Mohiyuddin** D/o. Syed Mohiyuddin, **4) Shaima Mohiyuddin** D/o Mohiyuddin, **5) Sayeda Afrah Mohiyuddin** D/o Syed Mohiyuddin, All are residing at No. 35/2, Harmain Signature, 2nd Floor, Spencer Road, Next to Zenith Foundation Fraser Town, Pulikeshi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 005. **...PETITIONERS**
AND : The Commissioner, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. **...RESPONDENT**

PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to register the late of death of the deceased who is the Husband of Petitioner No. 1 and father of the Petitioner No. 2 to 5 by name as **SYED MOHIYUDDIN S/o Syed Husnuddin who was died on 2/11/2020 at No. 38/1, Green House Apartment, Flat No. 403, Frazer Town, Coles Road, Bengaluru - 560 005** and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for the purpose of getting heath Certificate / and other government facilities.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m. on 17.04.2023** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Kindly permit the paper publication in Kannada and English news papers.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 24.03.2023.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, XXXVII ADDL. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore City.

Advocate for Petitioner :
Sri. Makbul Pasha .M.D, Advocate
No. 30, 2nd Floor, C.B.I. Road, Gangaranagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032.

WESTERN RAILWAY

ELECTRICAL WORKS

Sr. DEE/P/BCT, Mumbai Division, invites **Tender Notice No & Date: EL 81/841/WA/42 dt. 29.03.2023 (Two Packet System). Work and Location: Amrit Bharat Stations - Electrical (Power) work at 07 Suburban stations of Mumbai Division (Marine Lines, Charni Road, Grant Road, Lower Parel, Prabhadevi, Jogeshwari, Malad). Approx, cost of work ₹: 19,49,38,539/-. Cost of Bid Security: ₹ 11,24,700/-. Date & time of submission: 28.04.2023 15.00 Hrs. Date & Time of Opening: 28.04.2023 15.30 Hrs. Note**:- Please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** to download the tender documents, corrigendum, and further details. 1000

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WESTERN RAILWAY

ELECTRICAL WORKS

Sr. DEE/P/BCT, Mumbai Division, invites **Tender Notice No & Date: EL 81/841/WA/43 dt. 29.03.2023 (Two Packet System). Work and Location: Amrit Bharat Stations - Electrical (Power) work at 10 Non-Suburban stations of Mumbai Division (Umbergaon, Sanjan, Vapi, Billimora-BG, Billimora-NG, Sachin, Bhestan, Bardoli, Amalner, Dharangaon). Approx, cost of work ₹: 22,25,73,939/-. Cost of Bid Security: ₹ 12,62,900/-. Date & time of submission: 28.04.2023 15.00 Hrs. Date & Time of Opening: 28.04.2023 15.30 Hrs. Note**:- Please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** to download the tender documents, corrigendum, and further details. 1001

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Construction Organization, Ernakulam Jn
Tender Notice No.: 06-CE-CN-ERS-2023-OT dated 20.03.2023

Name of work: Irumpanam - Conversion of ROH depot.
Tender Value: Rs.1277.13 Lakhs.
Bid Security: Rs.788600/-
Completion Period: 18 Months.
Tender closing date: 17.04.2023
Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Chief Engineer/Construction
Ernakulam Jn.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

Notice of Inviting E-Tender

DRM (S&T)/ North Western Railway / Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders for the following work. **E-Tender Notice No. : SNT-JP-20R-2022-23, Name of work with it location : Augmentation of Datalogger Management Center and replacement of inadequate capacity Datalogger of JP-SWM (9 Stations) and FL-RE-LR (32 Stations), and BKI-RE (1 Station) section along with provision of Safety Alarm generation in case of non-operation of reversal of Point at stations over Jaipur Division., Approx. cost of Work (Rs.) :** Rs. 2,19,83,864.34/-, **Bid Security (Rs.)** : 259900/- (Online Payment Only), **Date & Time for Submission up to on www.ireps.gov.in :** 21.04.2023 Up to 15.00 Hrs., **Website Particulars & Notice Board Location : www.ireps.gov.in** and DRM office/NWR/ Jaipur. 326-SN/23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that, my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from Sri. Mohan Raju son of Late.P.Venkataiah, if any Persons objecting for the sale or having any rights, claims in the Schedule Property, may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence, within 15 days from the date of this Publication.

Objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property, assuming there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site bearing No. 266, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sqft, bearing E-Khatha vide Form No. 9 and 11A- bearing no. 150200102201021122, in the layout known as "Woods Residency" formed in Survey no. 110/2 measuring 2 A 8 G, duly Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(A)(S) SR/249/2009-10 on 23/12/2009, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Situated at Mahalehowdadenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on **East by:** Site No. 269; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Site No. 267; **South by:** Site No. 265

S. RAJPRABHU, Advocate
Off : No. 10, 1st floor, 13th Cross, Vasanthnagar, Opp. to Kodava Samaja Bangalore- 560 052 Ph: 9448559090

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposed to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. T.D. Kalpana,** W/o Late M.S. Sampath Kumar, R/at No.52, 7th Cross, Pillayya Reddy layout, near Omega Call Center, Bengaluru- 560017.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/ have any objections for the proposed sale transactions or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodged their claims/objections with documentary proof **within (15) fifteen days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.128, BBMP Khatha No.132/128, E Block, in the layout formed by Rajajinagar Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., in Sy. Nos.21/1, 27/8, 28 (P), 35 (P), 36/1, 36/6, 122 and 123 of Srigandhadhakaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits, called as Rajajinagar HBCS Narasapura, Srigandhadhakaval Village, Bengaluru, Ward No.129, measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1350 sq feet along with building and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.123, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.129, **South by:** Site No.127

GIRISH, Advocate
No.29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. Mobile:9845540992
Date: 31/03/2023. Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client/s is intending to purchase the below mentioned Item No.1 & 2, from its owner **M/S THIRANI RESOURCES PVT. LTD**, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, 9th Floor, Suite No.1A, Kolkatta-700071.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, our client/s will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing Sy.No.32/4, measuring 07 (Seven) guntas, converted for residential purpose, vide official Memorandum No.ALN(SB)SR 92/2009-10, dated 06.01.2010, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Sy.No.32/5, measuring 08 (Eight) guntas, converted for residential purpose, vide official Memorandum No.BDS:ALN:SR(S):657/2004-05, dated 01.03.2005, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and Sy.No.32/6, measuring 08 (Eight) guntas, converted for residential purpose, vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(S.B)SR92/2009-10, dated 06.01.2010, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, in all together measuring 23 (Twenty Three) guntas of land, Situated at Yelanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.no.34 and Sy.No.32/7; West by : land bearing Sy.No.32/3 belonging to R N Ravikumar; North by : 40 feet Road formed by the Vendor and Land Bearing Sy.No.31: and South by : land bearing Sy.No.33:

ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.32/2, measuring 09 (Nine) guntas, Sy.No.32/3, measuring 08 (Eight) guntas, totally 17 (Seventeen) guntas, residentially converted land vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (S B)SR93/2009-10, dated 06.01.2010, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Situated at, Yelanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : land bearing Sy.no.32/4 belongs to L K Sathya Narayana; West by : land bearing Sy.No.32/1; North by : Land Bearing Sy.No.31;and South by : land bearing Sy.No.33:

Sd/- **Jagadeesha Gowda,** Advocate,
J G Law House & Co.,
No.418/1/02, Unit No.101, First Floor, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Wilson Garden, Bangalore- 560027
Ph: 9845099666 Email: lawhousejg@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client has lost original sale deed bearing Doc.No.7310/1994-95 dated 30.11.1994, pertaining to Site No.30 on 21.07.2021 during travelling at Dasarahalli. It is hereby informed to the public that in case any of them finds the same can contact on the below mentioned address or phone number within 14 days from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.30, Old Khatha No.1271/B, House List No.627/B, 28, Situated at Lingarajapuram Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now assigned as BBMP Municipal No.28, Sathyramurthy Road, Lingarajapuram, PID No.87-56-28, Bangalore, measuring 1110 sqft, and bounded on the: **East by :** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road and **South by:** Site no.31.

V.L.Associates
Advocates.
No.173/A, 14th Cross, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851, 9743323668
Place: Bangalore Date: 31.03.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the General Public at large, we hereby notify that, Our Clients, **Mr.T.V.SRIRAMA, Mrs.T.S.LEELA and Mrs.T.S.RAKSHITA** all are residing at No.47, 4th A Cross, Rajashri Layout, Munnekolalu, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Marathahalli post, Bangalore-560037 have intended to purchase the immovable property from Mr.P.SIGAIAH, son of Mr.Chenchaiah, resident of No.B3, 1st Floor, Andhra Apartment, 2A Main,7th Cross, Krishna Reddy Layout, Doddanakkundi, Bangalore-560037. Same being Vacant Site No.E4 Old BBMP Khatha No.77/294/14 and New BBMP Khatha No.8072, Property No.77/294/14, Measuring East to West by 59 feet and North to South by 33 feet in all 1947 Square feet, Bounded on **EAST BY:** 30 Feet Road, **WEST BY:** Survey No.294 & 293, **NORTH BY:** Plot No.E5 and **SOUTH BY:** Plot No.E3. Presently in "SILICON SANSKRUTHI LAYOUT' Situated at Amani Bellandur Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Presently coming under the ward No.149 of Varthur, Mahadevapura BBMP Zone of BHRUTH BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE Bangalore.

The Persons who are claiming any rights and interest title over the above mentioned Property may kindly reply to us along with their objections, Claims, title, interest, pending litigations, tenancy, mortgage, Charge, lien or demand or any other interest of Whatsoever in nature along with documentary evidence in respect of the above mentioned property **within 10 days** from this Publication of Notice or otherwise it will be considered has no claims to the above mentioned Property to purchase the same from our clients. And no claims and objections will be entertained after the period expiry of this notice and shall not bind on our clients any more.

CONTACT: Mr. K.M. Anil Kumar, Advocate, ANIL KUMAR AND ASSOCIATES, No.11, 1st Floor, GAGANA, 3rd Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore-37. Mobile No.9845075493

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that my client **Sri. S. GOPAKUMAR,** S/o. Sukumaran Nair, Aged about 55 years, Residing at No.Villa-8, West Rock Apartment, P.J. Antony Ground Road, Pachalam, Ernakulam, Kerala-682012, has lost the original Allotment Letter, original Possession Certificate and Lease-Cum-Sale Agreement in respect of below mentioned Schedule Property. Any person tracing the said documents/ in possession of the document is requested to handover to the same to the undersigned. The public are also cautioned that the above said document shall not be used to deal in any manner whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property and if any such action is done, the same shall not be binding on my client. A police complaint also has been lodged with regard to the loss of the said document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.1112, West of Chord, 2nd Stage Extension, Bengaluru, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 50 Feet, North to South : 71 Feet and bounded on :-

East by : Site No.1113, West by : Site No.1110, North by : Site No.1135, South by : 10th 'D' Cross Road.

Within 7 days please inform to the above said address

Mohankumar K.T., Advocate,
No.1051, 20th Main, 53rd Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10.
Mob No. 9845172742

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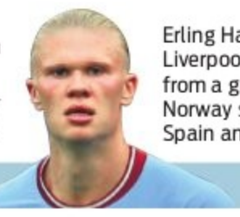
SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of

HAALAND A DOUBT FOR LIVERPOOL CLASH



Erling Haaland is a doubt for Manchester City's match against Liverpool in the Premier League on Saturday as the striker recovers from a groin injury. The 22-year-old Haaland withdrew from the Norway squad for its European Championship qualifiers against Spain and Georgia during the international break.

TITANS OVER KINGS

Gujarat Titans players celebrate CSK all-rounder Moeen Ali's wicket on Friday | SPORTZPICS

Gaikwad's 92 in vain as Gill and Rashid power defending champs Titans to victory in the season opener

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

RUTURAJ Gaikwad loves playing in the yellow jersey in Ahmedabad. His last three knocks at the Narendra Modi Stadium before Friday were all 100s (220 off 159, 168 off 126 and 108 off 131). Sure, it had come in a different format and for a different team (Maharashtra in the knockouts of the Vijay Hazare Trophy) but these things matter.

The Chennai Super Kings opener, in a display of six-hitting that married timing and supreme back-foot play, showed his understanding of the pitch and dimension remained in tact. If the pre-match fireworks were provided by Arijit Singh, Tamanna Bhatia and Rashmika Mandanna among other performers, Gaikwad lit the stage in the first half of the opening match of the 16th edition of the Indian Premier League, his 92 helping the four-time champions reach 178. However, it wasn't enough as Shubman Gill (63 off 36) and Rashid Khan (10 n.o offf 3 balls) helped Gujarat Titans start the tournament with a five-wicket win in the last over.

Put into bat, Chennai Super Kings had a poor start losing Devon Convey cheaply. Thereafter, Gaikwad and Moeen Ali steadied the rocking boat with a calculated assault. Gaikwad reserved some special treatment for Josh Little, the first active Irish cricketer to play in the franchise league, He later square drove the same bowler to the fence to show his class.

To contain the flow of boundaries, Hardik Pandya brought in Rashid Khan and was soon rewarded, snuffling both Ali as well as Ben Stokes in his first spell. Despite wickets falling at the other end, Gaikwad did not curtail his stroke play, hitting West Indian Alzarri Joseph for three sixes in an over and in the process reached his 50.

The stand beween Gaikwad and Ambati Rayudu for the fourth wicket worth 51 runs was the best. Here Rayudu's contribution was just 12 runs. Gaikwad waged a lone battle and scored at every given opportunity. He was the only one who could counter Rashid effectively. A pull off Rashid where the ball zoomed into the mid wicket fence helped him get into the 90's. While on 92 Gaikwad pulled a full toss from Joseph straight into the hands of Gill at long on. After confirming with the third umpire Gaikwad was adjudged out as the ball was below his waist. Thus a brilliant innings came to an end. Skipper MS Dhoni provided the final thrust in the last over with a six and a four.

In reply, last year's champion started off well with a Gill putting on a batting masterclass as the India opener showed why he is one of the world-class batting talents at the moment. The short-arm jabs, pulls, cover drives, backfoot punches, any shot you name it, Gill played it all, setting up the chase with a 36-ball 63. When he got out, Rahul Tewatia (15 n.o) and Rashid ensured that Titans got across the line with four balls to spare. Also, Kane Williamson, who suffered a seemingly nasty injury to his knee while attempting a catch on the leg-side, was replaced by Impact Player, Sai Sudharsan. For Chennai, Tushar Deshpande came in as the substitute, replacing Rayudu.

Brief scores: CSK 178/7 in 20 ovs (Gaikwad 92; Shami 2/29, Rashid 2/26) **lost to** GT 182/5 in 19.2 ovs (Gill 63, Vijay Shankar 27).

David by name, IPL Goliath by nature

53.75 WARNER'S AVERAGE AGAINST SPIN IN THE IPL AS HE STRIKES AT 141.16

140.45 THE CAPITALS OPENER HITS AT 140.45 AGAINST PACE IN IPL

3 HE IS 3RD LEADING SCORER IN THE IPL'S HISTORY WITH 5881 RUNS FROM 162 MATCHES

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN David Warner was signed by Delhi Capitals ahead of the 2022 Indian Premier League (IPL) season, it raised very little eyebrows. By the time the auction had ended, his addition at contributed to a dynamic T20 batting side. Warner, Prithvi Shaw, Mitchell Marsh, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant and Rovman Powell in the top six, what else could you ask for?

It was the kind of line-up that could counter any type of bowling attack. In fact, Warner is one of the very few overseas left-handers who doesn't struggle against spin in the IPL. He takes on seamers (average of 39.1 at a strike rate of 140.45) with ease and smashes spinners (53.75 at 141.16) for fun. However, there were doubts over how he was going to fare, especially after the tough season (both on and off the field) with Sunrisers Hyderabad.

The southpaw came out all guns blazing for Capitals, smashing 432 runs in 12 innings at a strike rate of 150.52. He was twelfth in the overall run-scorers and the leading batter for the franchise. The then 35-year-old showed why he was still one of the most revered of overseas batters in the history of the league. Cut to 2023, Warner now has more responsibility on his shoulders.

In the absence of Pant, he will be leading the franchise, something he excelled at in his prime with Hyderabad. This, however, could be a different challenge. For he himself is coming into the season on the back of a poor run in international cricket and the Big Bash League. In the six games he played in the BBL for Sydney Thunder, Warner managed only 99 runs at a strike rate of 108.7. When the Australian team toured India, he was on the sidelines with injury until the last ODI in Chennai where he accumulated 23 runs.

While Warner is the wearing-heart-on-sleeve, leading from the front kind of a captain, in a set up like Capitals where Ricky Ponting, the head coach, has a prominent role to play, the southpaw might have a different role to play as captain. And it will be interesting to see how he adapts to it. However, what doesn't change is his role as the aggressive tone-setter at the top of the batting order.

Once again, opening the batting with Shaw, Warner would be keen to replicate the kind of season he had last year. This could be his last chance at captaining a team to glory in the IPL.

For years, the Australian has been able to differentiate his form in international cricket and what he does for two months in India during the T20 league. The numbers say as much. Come Saturday, he will be keen to do the same as DC take on Lucknow Super Giants in their opening game.

You get to understand the wicket at your home ground and you've also got your fans, who give you a boost. The fans' chants in the stadium will give us great strength and belief to play at our best

TALKING POINTS

PUNJAB KINGS TAKE ON KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS WHILE DELHI CAPITALS FACE LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS IN THE YEAR'S FIRST DOUBLE HEADER. A LOOK...

Can Rana lead the way?

From making his mark at Mumbai Indians in 2013 to leading KKR this season, Nitish Rana has come a long way. However, he is yet to stamp his authority across a season. Will he be able to do it in a year where KKR are already in danger of falling behind?

PBKS vs KKR, 3.30 PM, Mohali

LSG vs DC, 7.30 PM, Lucknow

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA

MARK WOOD

WARNER vs WOOD

The southpaw has very little weakness at the top. Whether its spin or seam, David Warner can take them all. Mark Wood, however, could challenge him especially from around the wicket with his hard pace. It should make for a cracking contest.

NICHOLAS POORAN

POORAN vs CAPITALS' SPINNERS

After a disappointing run, Nicholas Pooran had a good run with the Hyderabad team last year and LSG would be hoping he would replicate the same this season. Against Delhi, will he be able to counter the likes of Lalit Yadav, Axar Patel etc.?

Bayliss backs Curran, Shahrukh to come good

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AFTER the 2022 IPL auction, Tamil Nadu middle-order batter and big hitter Shahrukh Khan was the talk of the town. Having been released by Punjab Kings before the auction, he was once again signed by the same franchise for ₹9 crore and was expected to make an impact in the coming season. However, he got to play only in eight games and managed 117 runs at a paltry 16.71.

In the domestic season that followed, Khan's poor run continued as he was not able to make an impact for this state. As another season beckons on the franchise, all eyes are on the TN batter, especially in the absence of their star opener Jonny Bairstow who will be missing the season due to injury. This time, the middle-order bat will have more responsibility on his shoulders, but more importantly, it seems like he has the backing of the team management to come good.

Shahrukh Khan

Shahrukh looks in good form, he is hitting the ball well and hard. Livingstone is one of those players who are not with us here just at the moment but we are hoping to have him with us very shortly,

Trevor Bayliss, Head coach

Head coach Trevor Bayliss said as much ahead of their opening game against Kolkata Knight Riders on Saturday. The former England coach backed Khan and Liam Livingstone to step up for the franchise this season. "Shahrukh looks in good form, he is hitting the ball well and hard. Livingstone is one of those players who are not with us here just at the moment but we are hoping to have him with us very shortly," Bayliss told the reporters in Mohali on Friday.

A team that is filled with bonafide T20 stars, added Sam Curran to their side, having paid the highest price in the history of the tournament. Reiterating the role of the all-rounder in the setup, Bayliss said that they are hoping that Curran would be the X-factor for them. "I think before I came on board, they recognised, after the last season, that they need someone to finish the innings off and our tactic at the auction was to get an all-rounder who could bat towards the end of a batting innings but is also able to bowl. The idea was to get an international all-rounder and we are hoping that Sam Curran will be that player for us. He has done pretty well in international cricket and in the last (T20) World Cup. We are quite happy that we got him on board."

While Bairstow is ruled out for the entire season, Punjab will also not have the services of Kagiso Rabada and Livingstone for the first few games. In their absence, the Shikhar Dhawan-led side will be looking at the young Indian players to rise to the occasion. "We have got about three guys who are unavailable from the original squad at the moment who would be hard to replace and these are good international players. But it is an opportunity for other players to make a name for themselves."

MADRID SPAIN MASTERS

Sindhu enters semis, Srikanth bows out

AGENCIES @ Madrid

DOUBLE Olympic medallist PV Sindhu cruised to the semifinals even as compatriot Kidambi Srikanth crashed out of the Madrid Spain Masters here on Friday. Sindhu got the better of world no. 19 Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark 21-14, 21-17 to reach her first semifinal of the year. Srikanth, on the other hand, lost to top seed Japanese shuttler Kenta Nishimoto 18-21, 15-21 in the men's singles quarterfinals.

Sindhu, who is seeded second, has been struggling to find her feet since returning from a long injury lay off. The 27-year-old has slipped out of the top 10 in the world rankings and until now hadn't been able to cross the second round in the last few tournaments in 2023. After a sedate start to the match, the former world champion completely dominated the second half of the play to take first game comfortably.

Sindhu was, however, trailing for most part of the second game. But she made an impressive comeback fighting from 6-12 to registering a straight game win.

The lone Indian left in the Super 300 tournament, Sindhu will clash with the unseeded Yeo Jia Min of Singapore for a place in the final.

Earlier the fifth seeded Srikanth, a former world number one, showed flashes of brilliance but the inconsistency, that has plagued him all season, once again marked the end of him.

It was Srikanth's third loss to the Japanese shuttler.

EXPRESS READ

Black Caps beat SL by 6 wickets, win ODI series 2-0

WELLINGTON: New Zealand capitalized on another failure by Sri Lanka's batters and avoided one of its own to win the third one-day international by six wickets in Hamilton on Friday and to take the three-match series 2-0. After being bowled out for only 76 in the first match — which New Zealand won by 198 runs — Sri Lanka were dismissed for 157 in 41.3 overs as it batted first after winning the toss in Game 3. The second match was abandoned because of rain.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 157 in 41.3 ovs (Nissanka 57; Henry 3/14, Shipley 3/32) lost to New Zealand 159/4 in 32.5 ovs (Young 86 n.o, Nicholls 44 n.o).

Vaughan cleared of racism charge

LONDON: Former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan was cleared by a disciplinary panel of making a racist remark toward a group of Yorkshire teammates of Asian ethnicity in 2009, the latest stage of a scandal that has left a cloud over the English game. Vaughan said on Twitter the last few years have been an 'incredibly difficult period in my life.'

Medvedev, Alcaraz reach Miami semifinals

MIAMI GARDENS: World number one Carlos Alcaraz and Russian Daniil Medvedev booked their places in the Miami Open semifinals with eary victories over American opponents at Hard Rock Stadium. Alcaraz crushed ninth-seed Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-2, while Medvedev ended qualifier Christopher Eubanks' impressive run with a 6-3, 7-5 victory.

CONFLICTING VIEWS

Ukraine looks to block athletes from competing with Russians

AP @ Kyiv

THE Ukrainian government is looking to block its athletes from sports competitions, particularly qualifying events for next year's Paris Olympics, which readmit Russian athletes.

The International Olympic Committee recommended Tuesday that sports federations allow Russians and Belarusians to compete as neutral athletes without national symbols. Ukraine wanted to continue the full exclusion, which had been in place in most sports since shortly after last year's Russian invasion.

Government minister Oleh Nemchinov said Thursday that a decision had been taken only to enter events with no Russians involved, according to public broadcaster Suspilne.

No ruling was immediately published and it was not clear exactly how it would be implemented. The IOC recommends allowing Russians to compete as individuals but not as national teams.

However, several Olympic sports run individual and team events together at a single location, as in gymnastics or fencing. International sports federations are not obliged to implement the IOC's recommendations and most have yet to commit to readmitting Russian and Belarusian athletes.

There was no clarification on how Ukraine's approach might affect tennis, where individual Russians and Belarusians already play on the men's and women's tours, and have played against Ukrainians. They remain barred from national team tennis events like the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup.

Ukraine boycotted an Olympic judo qualifier last year when the sport's governing body allowed Russians, including several from the country's military, to take part as neutral athletes. Ukrainian officials have previously not ruled out boycotting next year's Paris Olympics rather than compete against Russians.

Players from Russia can compete in Wimbledon as neutral athletes

LONDON: Russian and Belarusian players will be able to compete at Wimbledon as neutral athletes after the All England Club on Friday reversed its ban from last year. The players must sign declarations of neutrality and comply with 'appropriate conditions,' including not expressing support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

'This was an incredibly difficult decision, not taken lightly or without a great deal of consideration for those who will be impacted,' All England Club chairman Ian Hewitt said in a statement. The players cannot receive funding from the Russian or Belarusian states, including sponsorship from companies operated or controlled by the states.

Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus and Russian players Daniil Medvedev and Andrey Rublev are among the players who can return. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba condemned the reversal as 'immoral.'

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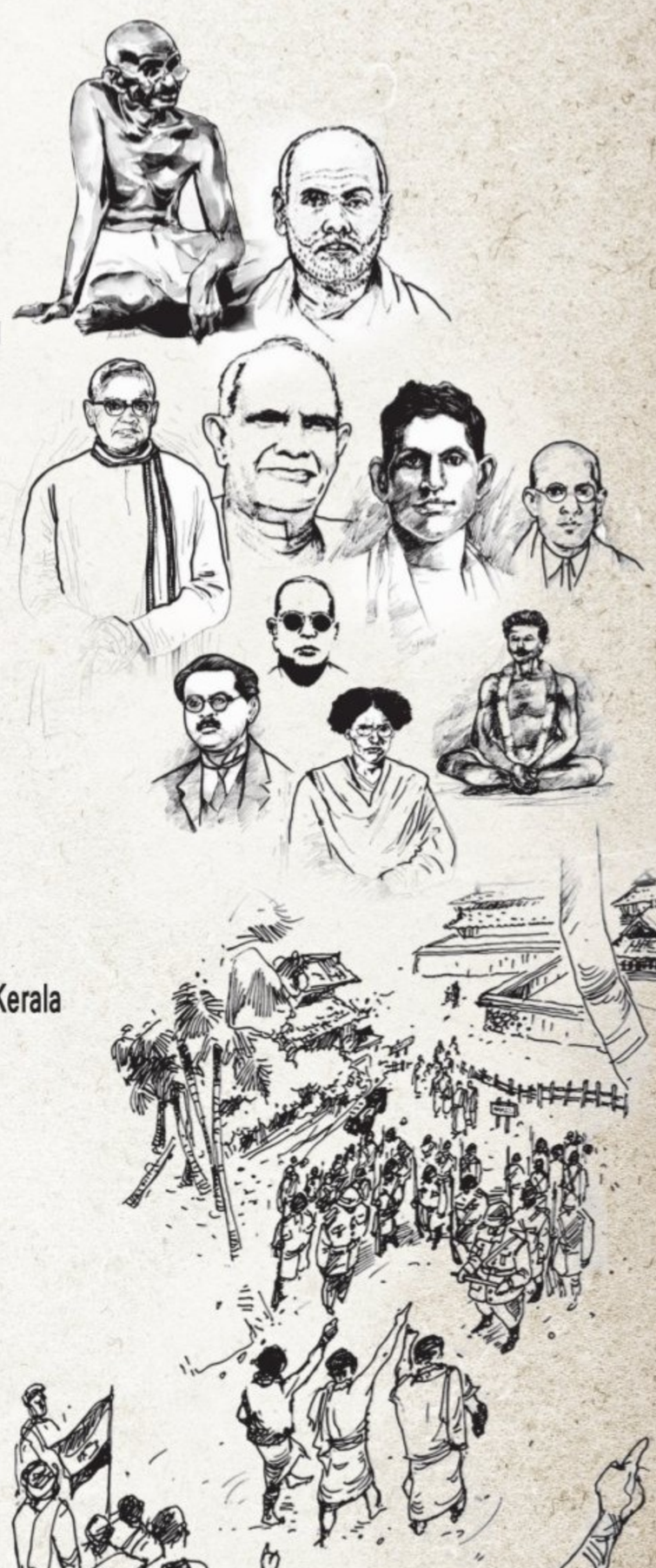

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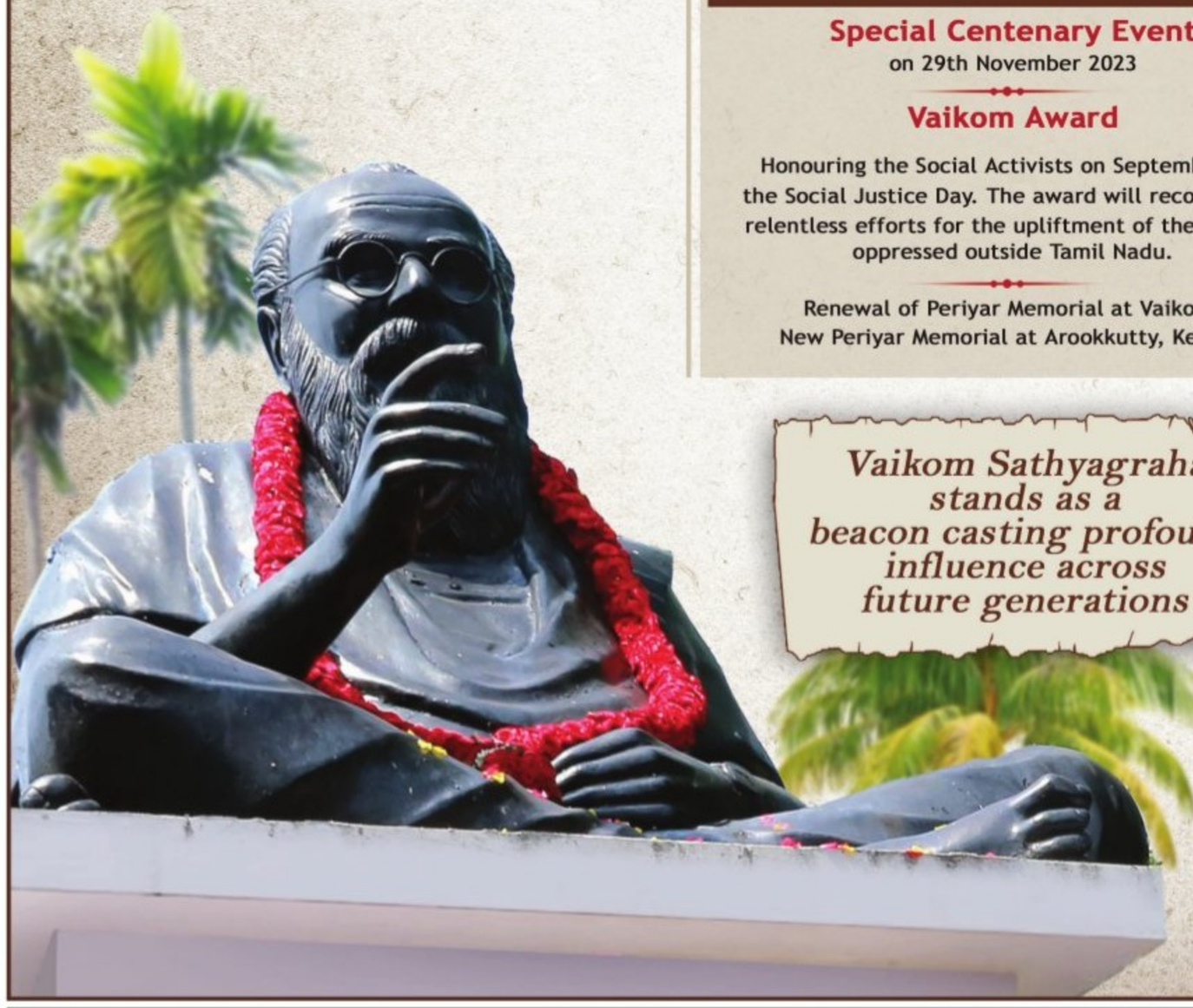

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NEW BEGINNINGS

Will the winning cup be RCB's this time? Ahead of their first IPL match on Sunday, we capture the excitement in Bengaluru

DESE GOWDA

IT'S that time of the year again when the fervour for India's de facto sport – cricket, reaches fever pitch and fans of the Indian Premier League (IPL) look forward to cheering their favourite teams. Ahead of Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) first match of the 2023 season this weekend, zealous fans have been planning big.

Film producer Sumanth has been an ardent fan of franchise cricket even before the inception of IPL. "It's not about winning the trophy, it's the love for the team that keeps me going. Virat Kohli is a huge factor, the loyalty he has shown for the team despite all the lows that the team and he have gone through over the years, inspires me to remain loyal," he shares.

As IPL returns to its regular format following the pandemic, with matches being hosted at each team's home stadium, Sunday's match between RCB and MI is special for some fans. "The energy when they play at the venue is something that isn't there when they play elsewhere. Being an RCB fan is more to do with emotion, sheer excitement and entertainment that the team generates is without comparison," Sumanth adds.

Agrees Latisha Nayak, a mass communication student. "As a proud Kannadiga and Bengalurean, it's about solidarity. I will continue to support the team regardless of whether they win the cup." Having grown up watching the tournament with her grandfather, Nayak says IPL has become a tradition for her each year. What's her expectation ahead of the season? "The same as it has been every year – Ee Sala Cup Namde (The cup is ours this time)," she laughs.

Creating a 'stadium-esque' vibe

For fans who can't catch the action from the stadium, sports bars in the city, including one owned by RCB, are prepping for the days ahead. The Studs Sports Bar & Grill is creating a 'stadium-esque' atmosphere with multiple large-format screens, match night contests where fans can win tickets to future RCB matches and more. "IPL is like a festival. We want to ensure that patrons have the best experience as they watch the matches," says Miten Shah, founder, Studs.

Since several F1 races also clash with IPL match schedules, Firefly Sports Bar @ Bangalore Club has added additional screens to their outdoor areas to accommodate feverish fans.

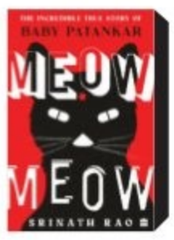
"We are also experimenting with our food menu this season, with plans to offer regional dishes from home cities of all the teams. On Sunday, when Mumbai Indians' face off with RCB, we'll have vada pav along with some street food dishes from Bengaluru. For matches with Chennai Super Kings, we're planning to do dishes from Tamil Nadu and likewise for all the other teams," says Prakhyath Shetty, managing partner, Firefly Sports Bar.

CITY READ

'Mission Meditation' drive across 150 centres in Bengaluru

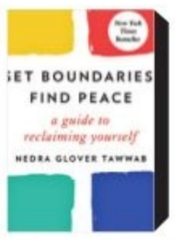
The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University launched 'Mission Meditation' in Bengaluru in January. It will culminate in a larger conglomeration on April 2, with a public talk by the speaker - Sister Shivani. Sister Leela, head of the Bangalore Zone, said, "Through this campaign, we aim to teach people the method of 'Just-A-Minute-Meditation' that has proven to bust stress, improve efficiency, and stay focused while performing daily tasks." Emotional and mental stress is a common occurrence today. The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University hopes to provide practical relief to everyone through 'Mission Meditation' which will be the biggest meditation drive ever to be held in the country.

BOOK NOOK



Meow Meow
by Srinath Rao

The tale of one of Mumbai's most baffling crimes and the intriguing life of Baby Patankar. It features drug dealers, crooked policemen, double-crossed lovers and large hauls of Mephedrons.

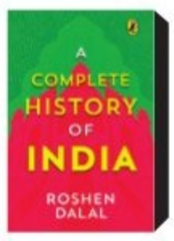


Set Boundaries, Find Peace
by Nedra Glover Tawwab

The author explains the complex topic of the meaning of healthy boundaries, how we can express our needs, say no and be assertive without offending others.

The Little Wartime Library
by Kate Thompson

An inspiring story based on the true life of a librarian in East London who created an underground shelter during World War II. The gripping heart-wrenching page-turner is a wartime fiction where an ordinary librarian Clara Button with her friend and assistant Ruby Munroe ensures essential services to the local citizens nearby.



A Complete History of India
by Roshen Dalal

The book traces the captivating story of Indian history from the earliest times to the present. Also covers all key milestones — the advent of the first people to the Revolt of 1857 and the nation's progress with democracy from 1947.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Contemporary Jig

A workshop for movement and self-expression by choreographer Prithvi Raj that will help you unleash your creativity through contemporary dance.
WHERE: Pops of Pastel, Basavanagudi **WHEN:** April 2, 4pm
DETAILS: allevents.in

Easter Feast

A special range of handmade and fresh goodies for Easter which includes carrot cake, mini apple double crust pie, and chocolate pudding.
WHERE: Magnolia Bakery , Indiranagar
WHEN: April 1, 10am
DETAILS: 96067 46364

Unveil The Talent

An open mic challenge where you can perform either music, poetry, standup or storytelling. The top three winners will be rewarded with prizes.
WHERE: My School Of Rock, Koramangala
WHEN: April 2, 11.30pm
DETAILS: insider.in

ART OF BAKING

Explore the basics of baking in this workshop hosted by chef Vikas. Required materials will be provided.
WHERE: StoryZone Studio, HSR Layout
WHEN: April 2, 4pm **DETAILS:** mello.fun

Carnival for kids

Firki Children's Festival is a child-friendly food and shopping fest that encourages activities stimulating excitement for kids between 3 and 15 years of age.
WHERE: Sportonix Sports Arena, Channasandra
WHEN: April 2, 4pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Fun Time

Enjoy a live puppet show at The Souq - Art, Craft, Handlooms and Lifestyle Exhibition.
WHERE: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road
WHEN: April 2, 5pm
DETAILS: allevents.in

Binge Flick

Enjoy a romantic cinematic experience by watching *Under The Tuscan Sun* on the big screen on the rooftop. **WHERE:** Hightide Restobar, Bannerghatta Main Rd **WHEN:** April 2, 7.30pm
DETAILS: sunsetcinemaclub.in

WEEKEND HUMOUR

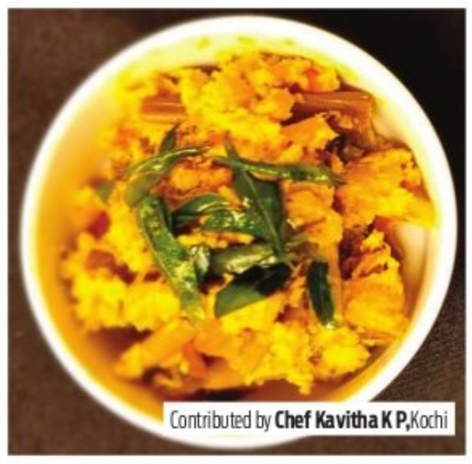
Supermayan is a Tamil standup show by Mayandi where he jokes about technologies involved in the hiring process of househelps and babysitters.
WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
WHEN: April 2, 6pm
DETAILS: 9632510126

WONDERS OF COLOURS

A visitor takes a look at paintings at Flowing Colors, a group exhibition by Vasantha Arts | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

MALABAR STYLE AVIAL



Contributed by **Chef Kavitha K P**, Kochi

INGREDIENTS

- **Green banana:** 1
- **Snake gourd:** 1/2
- **Elephant foot yam:** 6-8 chopped pieces
- **Wax gourd:** 1/3 chopped
- **Cucumber:** 1/3 chopped pieces
- **Turmeric powder:** 1 tsp
- **Coconut oil:** As per need
- **Curry leaves:** As per need
- **Coconut:** 1/2 piece grated
- **Drumstick:** 1
- **Carrot:** 1
- **Long green beans:** 5
- **Shallots:** 1
- **Curd:** two tablespoon
- **Green chillies:** 3
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt:** As per need

METHOD

- In a pan, pour coconut oil and add all chopped veggies cut into thin slender pieces, including drumstick, along with salt and turmeric powder.
- Close the lid and let it cook on low flame.
- In a mixer jar, put cumin, coconut gratings, shallots, one green chilly and curry leaves and crush it.
- Add this mix to the cooked vegetable and sauté well.
- Then add the curd and again sauté.
- Later, pour coconut oil and mix well.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SUPTA UTTHITA PADASANA VARIATION

(RECLINING LEGS EXTENDED POSE VARIATION)

In Sanskrit, supta means 'reclining' or 'reclined', utthita means 'extended' or 'stretched', pada means 'leg' or 'foot' and asana means 'pose.' This variation is an intense stretch of the legs and arms. This is thought to encourage peace and ease.

STEPS

- First, come into a supine position with your back on the floor, keeping your feet straight together.
- Now, place your arms at your sides and breathe.
- Stretch your back and take a deep breath.
- Next, inhale, lift your both legs at an angle of perpendicular from the floor.
- Hold the legs in that position for a few seconds.
- After that, raise both arms perpendicular to the floor.
- Keep your legs and arms slightly lowered toward the floor, without bending your elbows or knees during the pose, and take normal breath. (You can keep your hands on your sides if you are uncomfortable with lifting).
- Maintain your body weight only on the crown of your head and on your buttocks. Hold the position for a few seconds.
- After that, lower both legs and arms along with breathing deeply.
- Rest in Savasana (Corpse pose) and follow the same procedure for five times.

BENEFITS

- This is beneficial in stomach disorders, like indigestion, acidity, and constipation.
- Makes your abdominal region stronger and strengthens your hip, back and thigh muscles.
- Also beneficial in arthritis pain, waist pain, and heart problems.
- This pose helps to cure back pain.
- It reduces your belly fat and tones your stomach muscles.
- It is very useful to improve the digestive system.
- Excellent for those who are looking for six-pack abs.
- It improves the sense of balance of the body and builds stamina.
- It is more useful to reduce stress and fatigue.
- This relieves stiffness in the neck, shoulders and back.
- It is more helpful for people suffering from sciatica.
- It enhances blood circulation in the body.
- It improves the alignment of the body.

LIMITATIONS

Those suffering from high blood pressure, ulcer, and slip disc or in any abdominal surgery, strictly avoid this.

Women should avoid this during pregnancy and menstruation.

If difficult, use wall support.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

VARISU (Tamil)

Vijay Rajendran is a happy-go-lucky man, but everything changes after the unexpected death of his foster father.

Cast: Vijay, Rashmika Mandanna, Shaam

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

VAATHI (Tamil)

A young man faces a difficult time as he struggles against the privatisation of education.

Cast: Dhanush, Samyuktha Menon, Samuthirakani

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KUTTEY (Hindi)

One rainy night in the outskirts of Mumbai, three stray gangs unknowingly cross paths on the hunt and it's every man for himself.

Cast: Konkona Sen Sharma, Arjun Kapoor, Tabu

- **Watch on:** Netflix

YASHODA (Telugu)

Surrogate mother Yashodha is advised to follow a few guidelines to keep herself and her baby healthy and safe, but something happens at the surrogate centre that puts both of them at risk.

Cast: Samantha, Unni Mukundan, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KAAPA (Malayalam)

The film explores the dark underbelly of Thiruvananthapuram where rival goondas clash in cold-blooded gang wars to gain dominion over the city's suburbs and slums.

Cast: Prithviraj, Asif Ali, Anna Ben

- **Watch on:** Netflix

PATHAAN (Hindi)

An Indian spy battles against the leader of a gang of mercenaries who have a heinous plot for his homeland.

Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, John Abraham

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE LAW ACCORDING TO LIDIA POËT (Italian, series)

Lidia Poët, Italy's first qualified lawyer, is **banned** from practising law because she is a woman. At the same time she investigates murders.

Cast: Matilda De Angelis, Eduarfo Scarpetta, Sara Lazzaro

- **Watch on:** Netflix

BOSTON STRANGLER (English)

Reporter Loretta McLaughlin becomes the first person to connect a series of murders and break the story of the Boston Strangler. She and Jean Cole challenge the sexism of the early 1960s to report on the city's most notorious serial killer.

Cast: Keira Knightley, Carrie Coon, Chris Cooper

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

DAISY JONES AND THE SIX (English, series)

In 1977, Daisy Jones & The Six were on top of the world; the band had risen from obscurity to fame, and then, after a sold-out show at Chicago's Soldier Field, they called it quits; now, decades later, the band members agree to reveal the truth.

Cast: Riley Keough, Sam Claflin, Sookie Waterhouse

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SHADOW AND BONES (English, series)

Dark forces conspire against orphan mapmaker Alina Starkov when she unleashes an extraordinary power that could change the fate of her war-torn world.

Cast: Jessie Mei Li, Ben Barnes, Archie Renaux

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Sony LIV:	₹ 299 per month
Zee5:	₹ 399 for 3 months
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Netflix:	₹ 149 per month

NAMASKARA OORU

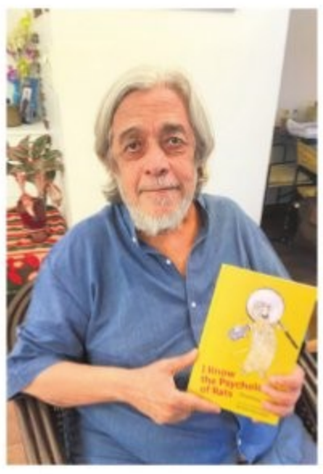
RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

HEGIDDEERA? I am well and this time, dying to get back home! I do suppose my 'ooru-sickness' arose from the fact that I had been invited to the hip-n-happening, uber exclusive club, Soho House, by Harry Kosato of Kikkoman. The snazzy club was teeming with eminent people in the hospitality business who were speaking at day-long 'Culinary Experts Meet-up' and lo and behold! My beady eyes espied a gaggle of prominent 'namma ooruians'!

I all but jumped into the arms of Aslam Gafoor, Jackie Pinto, Vikas Seth, Vicky Ratnani, Karen Anand, (both honorary Orruians.) and a myriad of other familiar faces. I even met VJ, actor and model, Sarah-Jane Dias and we reminisced about the first film we had done together. We were pitted against the likes of Girish Karnad and Waheeda Rehman and we recalled being tongue-tied around them till she found me chatting with them like we were old pals! Though formidable talents, they were generous and gracious and put us all at ease.

The party made me feel nostalgic and miss home. Usually, my stay in Mumbai is packed with activity, catching up, trying out different restaurants and different cuisines. From the 'hotels' to the 'hawkers'... there was no respite from me. But this trip my single focus was getting my work done, and it did get done in record time! Now it's time to head back like a weary Ibn Batuta'!

Mumbai holds a lot of heart tugging memories for me. My school girl crushes, the abandon and freedom of growing up in a city with no restrictions, friends, adults, and experiences were a part of my multi-cultural diaspora. I blossomed in Mumbai...and since I had a strong connection to Bengaluru, I was a perfect bridge of being outspoken and intellectual along with being respectful and deferring. I met my non-traditional Mumbaikar husband here and we very



Saeed Mirza

organically moved into a long-term marriage. A lot of who I became as a young adult – with two kids, restless and undecided about my future – was because of the mentorship of Saeed and Jennifer Mirza, my neighbours. I immediately adopted them as my earth-parents!

All my connection with organised charity, sustainable ventures and my association with NGOs started with Jennifer. We've hugged trees together that were slated to be chopped, she taught me how to be resourceful and helpful rather than being a bleeding-heart impediment. And Saeed... Saeed was and is my hero. A writer, film-maker, published author and the king of rhetoric, my eyes shone as he recounted all his stories of his travels. He once said that he took an empty bottle with him to (Mesopotamia) Iraq, to capture the air of culture and learning! As a young restless mother, he 'allowed' me to hang-out with the writers, actors and screenplay developers while they laughed or argued threadbare, the political and social scenario. A true-blue 'nukkad' where 'humans' got together to discuss, debate and share. That is when I decided that the 'preforming-arts' and writing would be my forte.

We met up over a drink to discuss his latest book, *I Know the Psychology of Rats*. Knowing my fearless friend, the title is self-explanatory!

It will make great reading on my journey back!

Karen Anand, Vicky Ratnani & Vikas Seth

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner this week will win a discount voucher worth ₹1,500 from Malgudi Mylari Mane**

1. What is the name of the popular dessert from Assam made with rice flour, jaggery, and coconut?
2. Which is the traditional sweet from Manipur made with rice flour and black sesame seeds?
3. What is the name of the dessert from Nagaland made with sticky rice, banana leaves, and mixed with vegetables?

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **SAJI YOHANNAN,** S/o CC. Yohannan, aged about 58 years, residing at No.170, Sonnappa Layout, Hennur Bande, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560 043. I state that, my name mentioned in my old absolute Sale deed documents as **'YOHANNAN SAJI'** and in my Aadhaar Card my name mentioned as **'SAJI YOHANNAN'** . Hereby declare that, **'SAJI YOHANNAN'** and **'YOHANNAN SAJI'** names are one and the same and it refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 29.03.2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary G.Dayananda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAHANTESH KAREHONNA,** S/o. Channabasappa Karehonna, Residing at Jnana Nivas Apartment. 1st Floor FF 10, Near Sri Jnanakshi Vidyaniketan School, Helagevaderahalli, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-98. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MAHANTESH KAREHONN TO MAHANTESH KAREHONNA.** vide affidavit dated 30/03/2023 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) G. NAGESWARI** Spouse of NO. 16117190L HAV GUGULOTH JAMLA, Residing at Chinnteja Thanda, Jayyaram (Vill), Warangal (Dist), TELANGANA (State), Pin: 506104, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GUGULOTH NAGESHWARI** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RENUKA PRASAD .G,** S/o Govindaraju .C, aged about 20 years, No. 107, Near Udaya Public School, Bank Colony, Rajeswarinagar, Laggere, Bengaluru-560058, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **RENUKA PRASAD .G** and **REVANTH GOWDA .G** are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **RENUKA PRASAD .G** to **REVANTH GOWDA .G,** vide affidavit dated 29-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sri Sanjeev Naik,** R/a. No.B003, 46, Ground Floor, Vaishnavi Mandara, 3rd cross, 2nd Stage, Industrial Layout, Near Modern Bread Factory, Yashwanthpura, Bangalore-560022. I have changed my Minor Son name from **Mst. Shruthav Naik** to **Mst. SHRUTHAV SANJEEV NAIK.** Vide affidavit Dt : 29.03.2023. Sworn before Notary : C.K.Anupama.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANAND SUDHIR T R,** resident of Number 10/1, 3rd Cross, 40 feet Road, Geddalahalli, Bengaluru-560094, have changed my minor son's name from **SAMRUDH THOTA to VED ANAND THOTA** vide Affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Notary **N. Peruvazhuthi,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GODAVARTHI VANISRIDEVI, W/o. VEMBAR SRINIVAS PRASAD SHARMA, Resident of OLD 11, NEW 06, 2ND CROSS, SBM COLONY, MATHIKERE, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA 560054** have changed my name to **VEMBAR VANISRIDEVI** vide affidavit dated 30.03.2023 sworn to before Smt. A. Manjula, Advocate and Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BETSY SAJI YOHANNAN,** W/o Saji Yohannan, aged about 54 years, residing at No.170, Sonnappa Layout, Hennur Bande, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560 043. I state that, my name mentioned in my old absolute Sale deed documents as **'BETSI SAJI'** and in my Aadhaar Card my name mentioned as **'BETSY SAJI YOHANNAN'.** Hereby declare that, **'BETSY SAJI YOHANNAN'** and **'BETSI SAJI'** names are one and the same and it refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 29.03.2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary G.Dayananda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Kalamma,** W/o Sri Dinesh Kumar, No.85, 9th Main Road, 9th Cross, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050 has changed my name to **PALLAVI P** and henceforth be called as to **PALLAVI P** vide affidavit dated 29.03.2023, sworn to before B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRATAP PRABHAKAR KATKAR,** aged about 41 years, S/o Prabhakar Katkar, R/at #201, 2nd Floor, Mayur Brundavan, Heelalige, Chandapura, Bengaluru-560099, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRATAP KATKAR** to **PRATAP PRABHAKAR KATKAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRATAP PRABHAKAR KATKAR** only, vide affidaivt dated 29-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABITHA BALA,** W/o Bala Sridharan, aged 65 years, R/of #214/11, 3rd Cross, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SRIRAMAN ABITHA BALAGANGADHARAN** to **ABITHA BALA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ABITHA BALA** only, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUDARSHAN SRINIVASAN** S/o Srinivasan N, Resident at No G-1205, Mantri Tranquil, off Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560061. Do hereby declare that as per my School Records my name is **SUDARSHAN SRINIVASAN.** In my Aadhar Card my name is **SUDARSHAN .S** and in my Passport It is **SUDARSHAN.** All three names belongs to me only and henceforth my name will be **SUDARSHAN SRINIVASAN** only, Vide affidavit dated 30.03.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **G Dayananda,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HEENAL HARESH KESHWANI,** D/o HARESH KESHWANI aged 21 years, Permanent address: Keshwani Bradars, F 11, Vilas Nagar Road, Ramalaxman Sankul, Vidharbh Mahavidyala (Amaravati), Amaravati, Maharashtra - 444604, Presently residing at: Bangalore, have changed my name from **KESHWANI HEENAL HARISHKUMAR** to **HEENAL HARESH KESHWANI,** vide affidavit dated 30/3/2023 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, SAMPATHKUMAR. C.G and SAHANA JAYARAM Parents of SAMVITH CHITTAMPALLI SAMPATHKUMAR Date of Birth 14-05-2010, Resident of No. 19, 1st Cross 2nd Main Road, Near Venkateshwara Temple, SVK Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, have changed our minor son's name from **SAMVITH** to **SAMVITH CHITTAMPALLI SAMPATHKUMAR,** vide affidavit dated 29/3/2023 sworn to before C.K. Anupama advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Aarti Venkatesh Thalanki** W/o T.S Venkatesh,aged about 38 years residing @ No.313 A.H Legacy Flat No.201, 6th 'B' Cross, near Axis Bank, OMBR Layout, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **AARTI VENKATESH** vide affidavit dated: 30.03.2023 sworn before notary Anitha Bai, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) B REVATHI** Spouse of No. 16115196N NK MANIKANDAN Residing at Flat #15, Ishwarya Nagar Near NKJ Catering College, Aranmanaipudur, Theni(Dist), TAMIL NADU(State), Pin:625531,Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) REVATHI B** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) EASKIDURAI SHUNMUGAPRIYA** Spouse of NO. 16118689A L/HAV MUTHU KUMAR S, Residing at House NO 1/296, Krishnan Kovil Street, Gunaramanullur (Vill), Kadapokathi (Post), Tenkasi (Tehsil), Thirunelveli (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 627814, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SHUNMUGAPRIYA E,** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BHASKER E,** Resident of No. 629, Flat No. 401, Lucky Homes AECS Layout, 'C' Block 1st Main, Kundalahalli, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my minor daughter's name from **LAXMI KEERTHANA ERUGADINDLA** to **LAKSHMI KEERTHANA ERUGADINDLA,** vide affidavit dated: 30.03.2023 before notary **V. RAJASHEKHARA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHOK ASHWATHA REDDY** S/o. Ashwatha Reddy R/a #343, Sumukha, 15th Main, 11th Cross, 'F' Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore-560092 Have Changed My Son Name From **KANISHKA ASHOK REDDY** to **KANISHK ASHOK REDDY** vide Affidavit Dated 29-03-2023 Sworn Before Notary A. Manjula, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **RUPA BELAGALI alias RUPA V BELAGALI** wife of VEERANNA CHINIWAL resident of No.515, NTI 1st Phase,Near Narayana School,Rajiv Gandhi Nagar,Kodigehalli Bangalore, Karanataka-560092..have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **RUPA V CHINIWAL** Vide Affidavit dated 30/03/2023 before Notary Chandrakala,Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Lalit Kumar** resident of #16 Ambligola Ground floor 1st main 7th cross, near Sujana convent school Singapura layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru North-560097 have Changed my daughter's name from **Smriti Sharma to Tia Sharma** vide Affidavit (SUBIN-KAKABACSL0803929033044790 V) dated 10/03/2023 sworn before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ZARINA TAJ SAIT ISHAQUE,** residing at No. 2177, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Kushal Nagar, Opp Police Station, Kadugonadanahalli, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ZARINA TAJ SAIT ISHAQUE** to **(NEW NAME) ZAREENA BANU** vide affidavit Dated 29/03/2023 sworn before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 16115196N NK MANIKANDAN C, of unit: 372 ENGR COY, 12 INF BDE, C/O 56 APO, PIN:908012, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) M MEHA** to **(NEW NAME) MEHA M,** And My Son Name **(OLD NAME) M PRAGATHISH to (NEW NAME) PRAGATHISH M** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **EDWIN JOSEPH,** aged about 36 years, S/o K. Joseph Raj, R/at #242, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Cambridge Layout, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **J. EDWIN PRASHANTH** to **EDWIN JOSEPH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **EDWIN JOSEPH** only, vide affidavit dated 29-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PARVATHI .S,** D/o Shivaswamy, aged about 32 years, R/at No. 1834, 12th Cross, 5th Main Road, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560040, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PARVATHI .S** to **POOJITHA .S** and in this regard I have filed a suit in O.S. No. 4152/2022 before the Court of V Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, (CCH No. 13) Bengaluru. The said O.S. No. 4152/2022 suit came to be decreed on 24-02-2023, vide Judgement and Decree dated: 24/02/2023.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **APARNA ASHOKA ASHWATHA REDDY** W/o. Ashok Reddy R/a #343, Sumukha, 15th Main, 11th Cross, 'F' Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore-560092 Have Changed My Name to **APARNA SATHYANARAYANA** vide Affidavit Dated 29-03-2023 Sworn Before Notary A. Manjula, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. ANUP KUMAR,** S/o. Uma Datt Kotnala Aged about 63 Years, Residing at No. Flat No. G3-003, Provident Welworth City, Doddaballapur Main Road, Marasandra, Doddatumakooru, Bangalore Rural - 562103, I declare that below mentioned both names **ANUP KUMAR** and **ANOOPKUMAR,** are refers to me only and one and the same person's names only, vide affidavit dated 31/3/2023 sworn to before S R Ravikumar advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Venktesh Vaikunte, S/o. Fakirappa Vithoba Vaikunthe, aged about 34 years, R/at 403, 4th Floor, SSV Pearl Apartments, Gulmohar Enclave Road, Munnekolala, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka, India Have changed my name from **'VENKTESH VAIKUNTE'** to **'VENKATESH F VAIKUNTHE'** Vide affidavit dated 31.03.2023 sworn before advocate and Notary Indira S S, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I , **P KRISHNAVENI** spouse of 13847279W Ex-Naik (TS) Late N Kothanda Pani , resident of W-597 sector - III, HMT Colony, Jalahalli , Bangalore - 560013. have changed my name from **P KRISHNADEVI** to **P KRISHNAVENI** vide Affidavit dated 17.03.2023 before Notary Chandrakala MA,LLB, Rajajinagar, Bangalore .

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 16117190L HAV GUGULOTH JAMLA, of unit: RHQ CAMP 2 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914002, Have Changed My Father Name **(OLD NAME) GUGULOHU JAMLA** to **(NEW NAME) GUGULOTH JAMLA** And Mother Name **(OLD NAME) GUGULOTHU NAGESHWARI** to **(NEW NAME) GUGULOTH NAGESHWARI** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC- 311438P SUB V. JAMBULINGAM, of unit: RHQ CAMP, 19 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914019, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) J GARUD VISHNU** to **(NEW NAME) VISHNU J** And Son Name **(OLD NAME) J DHANUSH** to **(NEW NAME) DHANUSH J,** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHINI JOY,** W/o, T.V. Joy, aged about 55 years, R/at # 5, Kyalasanahalli, Near Calvin College, Kothanur, Bangalore, Karnataka-560077, do hereby declare that both the names **SHAINI MICHEAL and SHINI JOY,** belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated: 30-03-2023, sworn by me before Advocate & Notary Public, Uday Kumar. K., Bengaluru. Hereafter I shall be known as **SHINI JOY,** for all Offical and Legal Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANANTHA PADMANABHA,** S/o **Somashekar K N** R/at No.23/A, 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Prashantha Nagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079, have changed my name to **ANANTHA PADMANABHA S** vide affidavit dated: 30/3/2023 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJULA** aged about 52 years, doing self- employment, W/o Sri. Thimmegowda M, resident of No.13, 5th A Cross, 3rd Main road, Vigneshwara Nagar, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560091, have changed my name from **S P MANJAMMA** to **MANJULA,** vide affidavit dated 27/3/2023 sworn to before Deepa.M advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRERANA CHAITHRA, D/o Sri. K.Rajappa, residing at No.97/12, 1st Cross, Kirloskar Colony, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560 079,** have changed my Son's name from **SHREENIKETH C.N** to **SHREENIKETH .C** vide affidavit dated 30.03.2023 sworn to before U.L. Somappa, Advocate and Notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MR. JAYANTH .M,** S/o Manjunath K, aged about 28 years, R/at 38/1, 8th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Kaveripura, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079.

I have changed my name form **"MR.JAYANTH.M"** to **"SHASHANK.M"** Vide affidavit dated: **16-03-2023** Notary before **N.Thulasi** advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

We, 1) **Mr. ASHWINI KUMARA,** S/o Mruthunjaya, age 43 years, 2) **Smt. VINUTHA ASHWINI KUMARA,** W/o Mr. Ashwini Kumara, age 34 years, both R/at No. 356, 11th Cross, 7th Main, Bharathnagar, Bangalore-560 091 do hereby declare that both the names of our daughter i.e. **Kum. Amrutha .A** and **Kum. Amrutha Ashwini Kumara** are one and the same and refers to our daughter only, henceforth she shall be known and called as **Kum. Amrutha Ashwini Kumara** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RATNA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAVEENKUMAR KODIHALLI RAJASHEKARAPPA,** S/o Rajashekarappa, R/at No. 24, Opp. Prestige Lake Ridge, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAVEENA KUAMRA KODIHALLI RAJASHEKARAPPA** to **NAVEENKUMAR KODIHALLI RAJASHEKARAPPA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAVEENKUMAR KODIHALLI RAJASHEKARAPPA** only, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. SHANKARANARAYANA** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUNJEEV SIVARAM,** aged 48 years, R/at No. 16, Gurukrupa Ananda Vihar, 2nd Main, Lakeside Avenue Extension, Mallasandra Road, Bangalore-560015, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUNJEEV** to **SUNJEEV SIVARAM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNJEEV SIVARAM** only, vide affidavit dated 28-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. MAHESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FARHANA** W/o **Syed Aslam Pasha,** R/at No.18, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, Bharathi Nagar, Thansiandra, SRK Nagar, Bangalore- 560077, have changed my name to **FARHANA BANU** Vide affidavit dated: 31/3/2023 Before Notary **M.Rajendra** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SRINIVAS B, S/o Basavaraju, aged about 39 years, Residing at No.165, 'Kanasu', Kanakapura Road, Opp. BWSSB, Ramachandra Layout, Kaveri Nagar, Chikkatataguni, Bangalore-560062,** declared that the names **SRININASA and SRINIVAS B** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 23-03-2023 sworn before advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain .K, Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT

I, **PAWANI,** W/o. Mr. Bhavartal.,Aged about 49 years, Residing at No. 182-B, 9th Cross, 3rd Block, Tyagarajnagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 028. I hereby declare that my daughter name is **POONAM B,** her Birth Certificate issued by the Corporation of Chennai, my name (mother name) is wrongly mentioned as **Rekha/Pawani** instead of **PAWANI.** I further declare that by mistake my nickname **REKHA** is also mentioned in birth certificate. I hereby declare that my correct name is **PAWANI.** Vide affidavit dated 31.3.2023 sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ZARINA TAJ SAIT ISHAQUE,** residing at No. 2177, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Kushal Nagar, Opp Police Station, Kadugonadanahalli, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ZARINA TAJ SAIT ISHAQUE** to **(NEW NAME) ZAREENA BANU** vide affidavit Dated 29/03/2023 sworn before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MARY ROSELIN K A,** aged about 43 years, W/o Mr. R. Thiyagarajan, R/at No. 146, 14th Cross, Kanakagiri, Vijayalakshmi Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560043, do hereby declare that in my school records my name is wrongly mentioned as **MARY ROSALINE** instead of **MARY ROSELIN .K.A,** both the names i.e., **MARY ROSALINE** and **MARY ROSELIN K A** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Y.R. CHANDRASEKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DIANA PASSANAH,** W/o Ivan Passanah, R/at Flat No. G02, Kastle Grace Apartment, 15th Cross, Eshwara Layout, Indira Nagar, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore North, Bengaluru Karnataka-560038, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DIANA FRANCIS** to **DIANA PASSANAH,** vide affidavit dated 27-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RABBONI JOHN CRUZ DIVAKARAN** S/o **Cruz Divakaran** aged about 19 Years, R/at No.41, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Ombr Layout, Chikka Banaswadi, Kalyanagar, Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to **RABBONI JOHN** vide affidavit dated: 29/3/2023 Before Notary **B.S. Hemanth Kumar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANDEEP KUMAR** S/o **Ashok Jain,** aged about 41 Years, R/at No.4, 15th Main, 35th Cross, 4 T Block, Jayanagar Bangalore- 560041, have changed my name to **SANDEEP KUMAR JAIN** vide affidavit dated: 31/3/2023 Before Notary **L.Shankaranarayana** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N.L. SHEELA PARASAD,** D/o. Late. N.M. Lakshmi Prasad, aged about 48 years, R/at. No.167/12, 3rd Floor, 12th Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore-560 086, have changed my daughter's name from **PUSHIKA.H.P** to **RISHIKA.S.P,** vide affidavit dated 30/3/2023 sworn to before S.Vijaya Kumar advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **H.P. SRIDHAR GOWDA,** S/o. Puttaswamy Gowda, aged about 42 years, (Date of Birth : 05.09.1980) residing at # Chikkabommanahalli Village, Konanur Hobli, Arakalagudu Taluk, Hassan District - 573 102 today at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SRIDHARA .H.P** to **H.P. SRIDHAR GOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 30.03.2023, sworn to before N.K. Lakshmana, Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) METEGOWDA KRISHNA KUMAR,** residing at No. 181, 5th Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Bovi Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) METEGOWDA KRISHNA KUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) MARKAMADINNI KRISHNAKUMAR** vide affidavit Dated 31/03/2023 sworn before Notary P.K.Nalinakshi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SITHARA RAJA KARTHIK,** W/o. Karthik Raja Gopal, resident of No. # 3928, Sri Karthik Nilaya, Thyagaraha Colony, Mulbagal, Kolar, Karnataka - 563 131, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SITHARA R K** to **SITHARA RAJA KARTHIK** vide affidavit dated 28.3.2023 sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SATHYARAJ .D,** Aged about 38 years, Residing at No. 101/2, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi, Bangalore - 560 030, do hereby declare that my correct name is **SATHYARAJ .D** but in my Baptism Certificate issued by the Church my name is entered as **SATHYA RAJ JOHN.** Vide affidavit dated 29.3.2023 sworn to before A. Gerard, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **GEETHA NAGARAJ,** age 75 years, W/o Late K. Nagaraj, R/at No. 79/1, Model House Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004 do hereby declare that prior to my marriage I was called as **UMA RAMAMURTHY** and after my marriage I have changed my name to **GEETHA NAGARAJ KURPAD,** my name reflects in different documents as

1. Adhaar Card - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
2. Pan Card - **KURPAD NAGARAJ GEETHA**
3. Pan card - **GEETHANAGARAJ K**
4. Educational Records - **UMA RAMAMURTHI**
5. Passport - **GEETHA NAGARAJ KURPAD**
6. Voter ID - **GEETHA**
7. Vehicle RC Book - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
8. Residential Address - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
9. Site at Anekal - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
10. SBI Bank - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
11. SBI - **UMA RAMAMURTHI**
12. Canara Bank - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
13. ICICI Bank Ltd - **GEETHA KURPAD NAGARAJ**
14. Defence - **GEETHA NAGARAJ**
15. Provident Fund - **UMA RAMAMURTHY**

All the above names refers to one person i.e. myself, vide Affidavit dated 15-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

OTHERS

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Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
NARESH, SHOBHA, PUNIT

AFFIDAVIT

I, **D. SATHYARAJ,** Aged about 37 years, Residing at No. 101/2, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi, Bangalore - 560 030, do hereby declare that my son's correct name is **NIRMAL .S** but in his Baptism Certificate the name of my son is entered as **EMMANUEL .S** Vide affidavit dated 21.3.2023 sworn to before A. Gerard, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SOWMYA MADHYASTHA,** Resident at No. A3073 Assetz East Post, Bhoganahalli, Near Gear International School, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 103, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SOWMYA** to **SOWMYA MADHYASTHA** vide affidavit dated 31.3.2023 sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MANJULA DEVI,** W/o. Sathyaraj, Aged about 33 years, Residing at No. 101/2, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vinayakanagar, Adugodi, Bangalore - 560 030, do hereby declare that my correct name is **MANJULA DEVI** but in my Baptism Certificate issued by the Church my name is entered as **MARY MANJULA.** Vide affidavit dated 29.3.2023 sworn to before A. Gerard, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **C S HANUME GOWDA** S/o Late Shivanagappa, R/o K.Choodahalli, Somanahalli, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-560082, have changed my minor daughter's name from (OLD NAME) **POORVIKA .C.H** to **RUCHITHA GOWDA .C.H** vide Affidavit dated 31st March 2023 before Notary **G Dayananda,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Latha Bai @ Rathna Bai .N,** W/o. Late K.C. Jothoji Rao, Aged about 48 years, R/at No. 75, Kenchanapura Village, Sulikere Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 060, Karnataka, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **Latha Bai** and **Rathna Bai .N** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 31.03.2023, sworn to before B.R. Shashikala, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMANA** W/o **Sharath Kumar,** aged about 30 years, R/at No. 1, Sri Ram Nilaya, Kaggadasapura, Bangalore-560093, have changed my name to **SUMANA SHARATH KUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 31/3/2023 Before Notary **M.Rajendra** Bangalore.

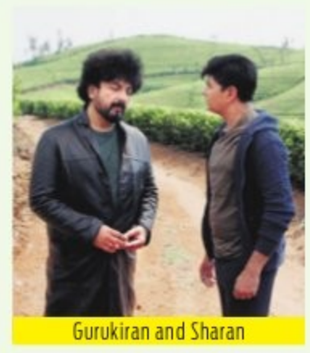
Music composer Gurukiran faces the camera after a hiatus

He plays an important cameo in the Sharan-starrer Choo mantar

CE FEATURES

WELL-known music composer Gurukiran, who also dabbles in acting, is set to return to face the camera after a hiatus. Last seen in the Vishnuvardhan-starrer *Ekadantha* (2007), Gurukiran has now been roped in to play a cameo in *Choo Mantar*, and will be sharing screen space with lead actor Sharan.

According to director Navaneeth, Gurukiran's role might be short but comes at an important place in *Choo Mantar*. Billed as a horror with multiple elements, *Choo Mantar* features Sharan as a paranormal expert, a new-age ghost hunter. The film features Chikkanna, Aditi Prabhudeva, Meghana Gaonkar, Prabhu Mundkur, Rajini Bharadwaj, Dharma, and Om Prakash Rao in prominent characters. Produced by Tharun Shivappa, the film has Avinash doing the background score, and has two songs composed by rapper and singer Chandan Shetty.



Gurukiran and Sharan

Vijay Raghavendra

Shruti Prakash

Grey Games teaser creates curiosity

CE FEATURES

GREY Games is a thrilling family drama, and the film's teaser, which was released on Friday, gives a glimpse into the themes of crimes in online gaming.

Starring Vijay Raghavendra, Bhavana Rao, Shruti Prakash, and newcomer Jai, the film revolves around the psychological stress placed on us in the age of technology. Written and directed by State award-winning director Gangadhar Salimath, *Grey Games* has cinematography by Varuna DK.

The film has three songs and a unique plot with enough emotional twists, says Gangadhar on the sidelines of the teaser release. "With a story based in the real and virtual world, the film has a lot of skilled artists, and will entertain the audience and challenge their perception of reality," Gangadhar adds. The film, produced by Anand H along with a few investors, also features Aparna and Ravi Bhatt in the lead cast.

Bhavana Rao

A COMPELLING COP DRAMA HIGHLIGHTING CASTE ISSUES

A SHARADHAA

GURUDEV HOYSALA
Director: Vijay N
Cast: Dhananjay, Amrutha Iyengar, Naveen Shankar, Prathap Narayan
RATING 3.5/5

FOR a long time, Kannada filmmakers have avoided caste-based crimes as the core subject of their films, especially in commercial entertainers. Sensitive as it is and complex with its many facets, not many filmmakers boldly showcased their understanding of this subject. With his film, *Gurudev Hoysala*, director Vijay N seems to qualify himself in the league of those filmmakers with the spunk to explore and justify the subject even when mounting it as a true-blue commercial potboiler.

Going beyond just cursory depth, *Gurudev Hoysala* gives an insight into the social issue of caste differences along with intense action, and a mysterious plot that will have you on the edge of your seat. While the director has designed a gutsy script, he also sheds light on a cop's life, and his humane side.

The film begins with the titular song, *Sala Sala Hoysala*, introducing *Gurudev Hoysala*, an upright police officer, who gets posted to a town in Belagavi, where he is investigating the case of a missing police officer Bhargav. He has a face-off with the sand mafia and in the course of the investigation, he meets love birds Nataraja Mayuri (Bhoomi), and Ravi (Aniruddh Bhat). Gurudev helps them get married, but he soon realises that they belong to different castes.

Upon instructions from Bhoomi's father Daada (Avinash Andrews) and a senior police officer (Rajesh Nataranga), Gurudev starts searching for the eloped couple. From here the story takes a twist leading to a case of honour killing. Through a series of interconnected events — the hierarchy of the upper and lower caste, local gangsters, corruption, inept police officers, and conspiracies — the film reaches a predictable climax.

Vijay N, who last directed the romantic drama *Geetha*, takes up a hard-hitting subject that raises some important issues. However, the story meanders a bit, and there are unnecessary scenes fitted into the narrative. Though the film ends on a bright note, the climax could have been more convincing.

With the beauty of nature wonderfully captured by cinematographer Karthik S, the background score by Ajaneesh B Loknath is grim, gritty, and grey. The dialogue by Maasti adds to the essence of the story. Stunt scenes by Dhilip Subbarayan and Arjun Raj is a treat for action lovers.

Dhananjay, who has been trying on different characters, fits into the character of an angry young cop and leaves a strong impact in his 25th film. His character seems infrangible, but at the same time has emotional limitations, which Dhananjay emotes with elan. Equally strong performance comes from Naveen Shankar, who gives life to his role as antagonist Bali. He fits the role of a menacing villain and his face-off with Dhananjay is a sequence to watch out for. Mayuri Nataraja and Anirudh Bhat are the souls of the plot, and both upcoming talents have justified their roles. Achyuth Kumar, and Raghu Shivamogga, who are seen alongside Dhananjay throughout the film, add value to the cop drama. Amrutha Iyengar's role, in short, makes us understand the challenges one goes through being a cop's wife. Prathap Narayan and Avinash Andrews highlight their respective roles, with a lot of support coming from junior artists. Nagabhusahana, in a short role, breezes with his comedy character.

Gurudev Hoysala, a cop drama is relevant, compelling, and will spark conversation.

Titled *Darbar*, the political film has Sathish playing the lead, and writing the story, dialogues, and screenplay.

V MANOHAR IS BACK TO HELM A FILM AFTER 23 YEARS

Team Darbar

CE FEATURES

Popular composer V Manohar, who has directed films like *O Mallige* and *Indradhanush*, is back to wield the megaphone after 23 years.

Titled *Darbar*, the film's screenplay and dialogues are penned by Sathish, who also plays the lead. The film also features Jahnvi, Sadhu Kokila, senior actor Ashok, Lakshmi Devamma, Naveen Padil, Santhu, Kharthik, and Thriveni among others in pivotal characters. The film is in the post-production stage.

In his interaction with the media, Manohar recently mentioned that post *Indradhanush*, he got busy with serials and music composition. "Sathish is the reason for me to get back to the director's chair. The story highlights the importance of voting," he says.

Produced by BN Shilpa, the film has Manohar doubling as the music director. *Darbar* consists of three songs and has Upendra singing a duet song. With lyrics penned by Jayant Kaikini. rapper and noted singer Chandan Shetty rendered his voice for the title track. The film with a political backdrop has cinematography by Samrat.

Sathish and Jahnvi

A mishmash of well-crafted action set pieces in the garb of a narrative

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

BHOLAA is a crazy film. No, that's not it. *Bholaa* is a batshit crazy film. Bholaa has two Sikhs, in a jungle, in the middle of the night, doing wheelies on tractors as they try to rein in a truck. That's more like it.

Now, I am all for going berserk. Action sequences don't necessarily have to be plausible. Gun down a chopper; eject from a car falling off a cliff while you grab your lover mid-air and superheroland without even a hairline fracture; or unleash some feral animals at a British high official's party. I am game. But an action scene in a film is the payoff, not the narrative. Although *Bholaa* has some cleverly crafted set pieces, at times it feels like a video game jumping from a boss fight to a boss fight, without any cutscenes.

A remake of the 2019 Lokesh Kanagaraj film *Kaithi*, *Bholaa* takes the logline from the Tamil original. In the course of one night, a recently-released convict, teams up with an injured cop to transport a shipment of drugged-out policemen in a truck, while there is a bounty on them.

Parallelly, there is a deranged gangster Ashwattama (Deepak Dobriyal) trying to enter (or demolish) a police station and retrieve his drug overhaul. Now, *Bholaa* takes some creative liberties. The film opens with a chase sequence during the day, and we get a deservedly heroic introduction of Tabu as IPS Diana Joseph.

It is a bang-on start but leaves no scope for any build-up. Bholaa has an incessant urge to give instant gratification to its viewers. Its dialogue resorts to rhyme to seek attention ('Ye vardi ki jo hanak dikha rahe hain nikaalte hain inki sanak', 'Rakt ke bhakt hain hum'), its action comes like a barrage of bullets, balancing somewhere between being mindless and meticulous and its emotional foundation constantly trembles.

Coming back to heroic introductions, *Bholaa* has a certain affinity for verbosity. We meet the titular character in jail while he is reading the Bhagavad Gita. As he exits the prison, a prisoner (Makarand Deshpande), as if on cue, starts giving a voiceover. "The less you know about him, the better... those who did, didn't survive... he is like the sea, calm on the surface but holding storms inside him..." I guess we know more than enough. In *Kaithi*, Karthi's Dilli has a subtler, more enigmatic introduction in which he sits in a police car, just another guy, picked up because he seemed suspicious. While *Kaithi* constantly lets the story settle before shaking things up, *Bholaa* is too impatient. It will throw everything at the audience to elicit a response.

BHOLAA
Directed by: Ajay Devgn
Starring: Ajay Devgn, Tabu, Deepak Dobriyal, Sanjay Mishra, Gajraj Rao, Vineet Kumar
RATING 2.5/5

Although initially enjoyable, the action becomes almost lunatic as the film proceeds. There is a masked biker gang which looks like it was probably on its way to a talent show, there is a CGI-ed leopard (which, sadly, runs away), a kachcha gang uncharacteristically beefed up, and many moustached men battle-crying with bazookas atop jeeps. Once you know *Bholaa* is invincible (and if you don't yet Makarand Deshpande will remind you) there is no sense of threat left in the action. The film, however, needs to be applauded for not shying away from the gore. There are close-ups of bones breaking, teeth flying after a slap, and a man's chest being pierced by a fist. It's something of a novety for a Hindi film but that's it.

Bholaa can't stand any lulls in the narrative, lest you spot its flaws. *Kaithi*, in its heart, was a story of a father meeting his daughter for the first time. *Bholaa* weaves its emotional bits around its action and not in its centre. Ajay seems stony in showing sentiment. The scenes involving his daughter fail to provide fuel for the action that ensues. In the approach of being broody, he ends up being one-note. By the time *Bholaa* has sliced goons with a trident, broken innumerable necks and tattered them with a gatling gun, I am thinking the title Rudra would have been better suited for the film. Oh well.